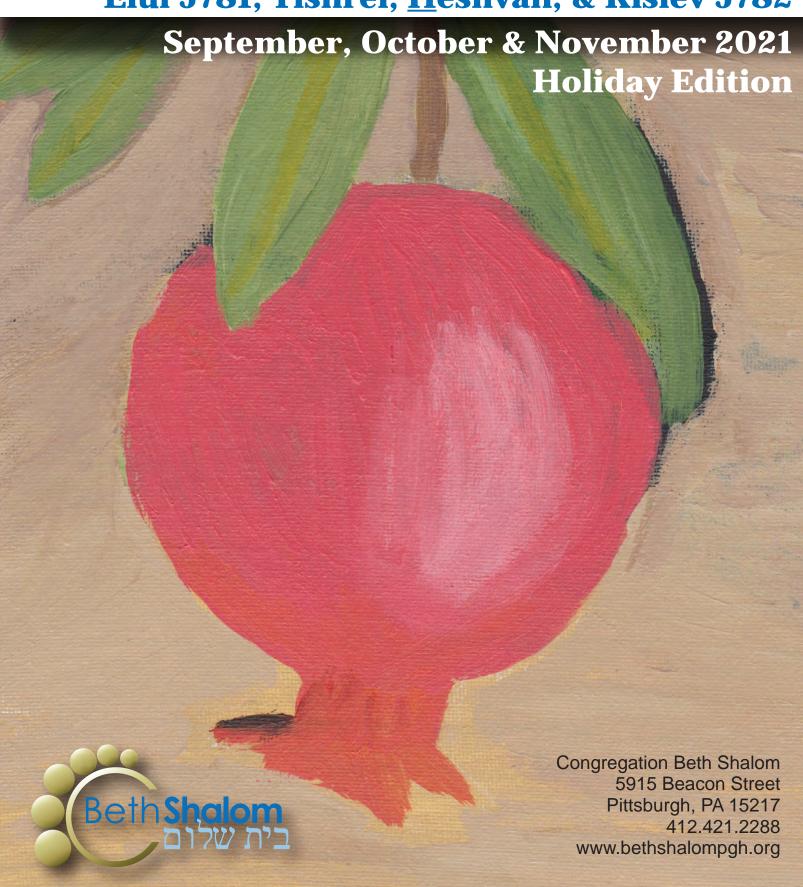
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Make It Meaningful!

Rabbi Seth Adelson Senior Rabbi rav@bethshalompgh.org

Reflecting on entering my fifteenth year as a rabbi, I realize that my mission has crystallized in the last five or so years. The rabbi's



primary job is not to lead services, write columns for synagogue bulletins, or officiate at funerals; rather, the rabbi's essential obligation is to teach. The challenge here is, obviously, what to teach? I face this question every single day. There is simply too much potential material, too many things to talk about, too many possible avenues to take through the Jewish bookshelf.

It took me some time to understand fully that, while rabbis can find any particular sentence or phrase or even word from our tradition breathtakingly fascinating, my essential task is to demonstrate that one sentence, phrase, or word can help you be a better person, can help you improve your community and your world. It is in this way that we as contemporary Jews may draw meaning from our tradition.

We all have plenty of ways to distract ourselves: music and movies and video games and news and nearly-infinite online content and on and on. It's all available 24/7. If we want, we do not have to pay attention to anybody or anything. But this is not a healthy form of existence.

We have a fundamental need, whether we recognize it or not, to be connected to others - family, neighbors, work, friends, society. It is through acting on the holiness embedded in these connections that we find meaning; it is through seeking the spark of Godliness that we enlighten ourselves and our world. Jewish life - ritual, meals, gatherings, mitzvot, lifecycle events, Torah learning, etc. - can help us do that, but only if we pay attention to what we are doing and find the meaning in those actions.

My mission is to help us find this meaning, and thereby improve ourselves, our community, and our world, through bringing people together, learning, marking holy moments together, and acting on our values. As we come back together as one community for these High Holidays, our theme for 5782 is, "Make it Meaningful!" My hope is that you will come away with a better sense of the potential for making meaning out of every moment, for uncovering the holiness in all that we do.

Shanah tovah! May this be a meaningful year.





A Message from Our President

Alan Kopolow
President
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As we start thinking about the High Holy Days of 5782, we have the additional challenge of finding the best ways to bring ourselves safely together as the



COVID-19 pandemic hopefully recedes from our lives. I am convinced we will rise to the occasion as we have during the past year and a half of living our lives on ZOOM, wearing masks and finding other work-arounds to get things done. Despite the challenges, we have continued to prosper. While we are not yet free of COVID-19 concerns, we are certainly making plans to return to "normal" as soon as we safely can. There is still much work to do. Thank you for your patience.

I would like to point out that we have many people to thank for getting us to this moment. They have worked purposefully, diligently and creatively to make sure we continued offering services, classes and education in a safe and viable manner. They are too numerous to name here. However, there are several people I would like to specifically recognize. They are Rabbi Adelson, immediate past president Debby Firestone, Interim Executive Director Ken Turkewitz, the COVID-19 Task Force, our lay leadership and countless volunteers who selflessly helped in many ways. Despite the adversities we faced, we have managed not only to survive, but to thrive.

Some of the things we have to show for our hard and thoughtful work that will put us in good stead for the coming 5782 include the following:

 the hiring of our new Executive Director, Robert Gleiberman who succeeds our incredible Interim Director, Ken Turkewitz.

- adding our first ever Development Director, Rabbi Andy Shugerman, to our staff.
- engaging an interim Director of Derekh and Youth Tefillah, Rabbi Mark Goodman, to succeeds our original Director Rabbi Jeremy Markiz who after five years, is moving on to bigger things. We wish him continued success.
- We applied for and received two PPP loans, one of which has already been forgiven, that helped sustain us through the Pandemic.
- We have installed Solar Panels on our Preschool roof. We are now a net energy provider while helping our environment. We funded the solar panels through our own fundraising and a local county grant.
- We met our first-year goal for Legacy Circle and are closing in on our second-year goal.
- We have applied for and received several grants for security items and the ELC totaling six figures that were not budgeted but certainly helped get us through the Pandemic.
- We found ways to successfully fundraise much needed funds including our Schlep-A-Thon in the midst of the restrictions imposed by the Pandemic and the inaugural Mishloah Manot program. There are many more things we did to help ourselves that we can mention at a later time.

In the new year, our lay leadership will be in a position to continue to guide the execution of our Strategic Plan that starts with working toward financial sustainability, reestablishing a culture of giving and better engaging our membership.

I want to thank the Congregation for their patience as we have worked our way through the Pandemic. We have much to be thankful for and I ask that you join in on our reopening and returning to our new normal as we seek to move Beth Shalom from strength to strength.

Shanah tovah!

A Message from our Executive Director

Robert Gleiberman

Executive Director

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As I am writing this article it is the end of July and I have just complet-

ed three full months at Congregation Beth Shalom. My first month (May) I worked with Interim Executive Director Ken Turkewitz before officially taking over June 1. I am so appreciative of the outpouring of support from all the lay leaders. professional and administrative/ maintenance staff, and congregational members. I have been so impressed with the congregation's involvement as well as the knowledge and care shown in everything that is done for the benefit of this wonderful community. As I meet with individuals and groups/committees I am in awe as to the detail and preparation that goes into everything that is planned.

As we say goodbye to 5781 and welcome 5782 I ask you to reflect on each individual, whether volunteer or employee, that works each and every day for the betterment of our Beth Shalom community. Take a look at the inside cover as well as page 34 of this Mishpachtenu. These individuals run the day-to-day operation including the religious services, programs, activities, education, and facilities. Please take a moment, when you see one of these special individuals to thank them for their time, service, and dedication. It is hard to explain the time and energy that each and every one of them gives for our benefit.

As I stated in the last Mishpachtenu the last year and a half has been very difficult for us all. But I did mention that there would be light at the end of the tunnel, hopefully before the end of 2021. I stated that I was confident that the leadership of CBS, in

conjunction with our health experts, will make the decision, as soon as it was safe, for us to start gathering in person. Well, at the beginning of July, we finally were able to start gathering again and coming back together as one community. Even though we are currently experiencing a slight setback with the Delta variant, I feel confident that we will continue to make the right decisions to ensure everyone's safety, while at the same time slowly but surely getting back to what we would all hope and pray is as close to normal as possible. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in person at the high holiday services or soon after. Even though we will be gathering in person under some strict protocols I know this is the start of a great year and look forward to all the wonderful things to come.

My wife Lynn and I wish each and every one of you a sweet, happy, healthy, safe and prosperous new year.

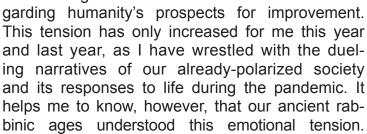
Shanah tovah!



A Message from our Development Director

Rabbi Andy Shugerman
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In recent years, as the High Holy Days approach, I have often felt torn between feelings of hope and feelings of doubt re-



From the standpoint of positivity, we find in the Rosh HaShanah liturgy a refrain in the Musaf service emphasizing that "today the world stands as at birth," that God as the Compassionate One will "be gracious to us and, as day emerges from night, bring forth a favorable judgment on our behalf." That seems pretty upbeat, right? But are we not asking for God to forgive us for making so many of the same mistakes year after year?

Perhaps "there is nothing new under the sun," as we will read in the first chapter of Ecclesiastes during Sukkot. It certainly can feel like we are often just going through the motions in one aspect of life or another. Our Sages understood that perspective as well and grappled with the competing views above in a Midrash about this season:

Consider God's doing! Who can straighten what He has twisted? (Eccles. 7:13). When the Blessed Holy One created the first human, He took him and led him round all the trees of the Garden of Eden and said to him, "Consider My works, how beautiful and praiseworthy they are! All that I have created, for your sake I created it. Pay heed that you do not corrupt and destroy My world; for if you corrupt it there is no one to repair it after you. Not only that, but you will bring death to that righteous man (Moses). (Kohelet Rabbah 7:20)

Our ancient Sages here imagine God instructing the first human to care for creation. Their understanding of human ecology asserts that the world is meant to be awe-inspiring, that God created it for our sake, and that we must protect it from irreparable harm. Their sense of our universal purpose magnifies what it means for us individually and collectively to embrace the idea of our creation in God's image.

As much as I cherish that reading of this midrash, its final sentence challenges us to consider the repercussions of humanity's initial and continued failures to uphold God's vision for our role in creation. The text points to God's punishment of mortality for Adam and Eve's disobedience, implicating them specifically for Moses's eventual death. This tragic teaching directly connects the Torah's beginning and end in a solemn counterpoint to our upcoming celebration on Simchat Torah, during which we conclude our annual reading of the Torah and immediately begin the next cycle.

This puzzling mix of positive and negative views of our place in nature reminds me of another rabbinic appraisal of humanity. In a talmudic passage (BT Eruvin 13b), the students of Hillel and Shammai debate whether or not humankind should have been created at all. After two and a half years of deliberation, the schools "voted and concluded: 'It would have been better had humankind not been created; but now that humankind exists, let it probe its ways."

This year, I find strangely reassuring this sense of "opti-pessimism," an Israeli phrase popular during my time living through the Second Intifada. Accepting that human civilization has long been deeply flawed clarifies my duty to understand this history and to leave the world better than the way I found it. I do not know if this will be enough, but I pray that it will get me started.

L'Shanah tovah - to a better New Year!

Walking the Derekh

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Holy Chevre (Friends),

After three years of sharing a seat with you in the kahal (pews), I have recently transitioned into a role as the interim Director of Derekh and Youth Tefillah. I am greatly blessed to be able to switch from serving our community in a volunteer capacity on many committees to being more directly involved in helping to create spirituality, community, and mitzvah.

It has been a wonderful start. This summer Kristin Zappone, Director of Communications and I began overhauling the Beth Shalom website. The menus are getting cleaned up and improved. The home page now has pictures and greater useability. Upcoming events are now highlighted on the front page. Rabbi Adelson's and Audrey Glickman's fantastic blogs are easily accessible, too. Everything has a clean new look and color palette, and everything is optimized for use on smartphone. Some features you may have gotten used to might have moved or changed slightly. But overall we are on our way better highlighting thinas happening and we've crafted a more at the shul. attractive face to potential new members and visiting guests.

Derekh. Beth Shalom's adult programming and learning program, is steaming along. We continue with our continuous weekly learning programs: Sunday's online parashahlearning, Monday Talmud Study (online, held jointly with Kehilat HaKerem in Karmiel, Israel), and Wednesday's Life and Text discussion and learning. Life and Text has returned in-person as well as on Zoom, for those that are interested. We have just wrapped up an eight-part education series exploring American and Israeli society as part of a collaboration with Kehilat HaKerem. The new Derekh Tzedek and

Hesed Committee created a Medical Devices lending library (called a 'Gemah' in Hebrew), and has collected a dozen items, some of which have already been lent out to people in need. In the Fall, we expect to pick up where things left off with in-person social, cultural, and educational programs for adults.

Youth Tefillah has also returned in person. Saturday mornings, kids 6 to 12 gather for Junior Congregation in the tent behind the building, and younger children enjoy the amazing "Manny's Service." For High Holidays, we expect to have a lot of fun and for kids to get a good learning experience for the core prayers of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as well as the meanings of those days.

Again, I am so glad to be with you all. I look forward to bringing Torah to the community, for all ages and in many ways.

Shanah tovah!



OUR LEADERSHIP

Growing Through the ELC

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Hello Congregants!

Beth Shalom Early Learning Center had a fantastic summer as campers explored



and traveled to new places during session one, and traveled back to Pittsburgh to learn all about where we live during session two! Now as we begin our 2021-2022 school year we are filled with excitement to welcome back old friends, meet new ones, and continue to grow and rebuild as a school community after the pandemic. I do think it is important however, to reflect on the achievements that we, the Beth Shalom Early Learning Center, had throughout the past school year and summer.

The pandemic caused major difficulties and hardships for the field of early childhood education locally and abroad. Our educators and families however, pushed through the difficult times and successfully navigated unprecedented changes in childcare. We kept our doors open, classrooms engaging, and hearts full. We continue to maintain our high quality center as we provide safe and healthy atmospheres for all those who come in.

Parents and children are excited to be back in our hallways together, and we are excited to be able to return to more normal programming and activities. Soon the classrooms and hallways will be full of the sounds, images, and smells of the High Holidays. Our educators do a fantastic job of creating rich Jewish experiences that reach all the children's senses and abilities. Whether the children are singing with Morah Debbey (Music Specialist), learning about "How Bees Dance" with Morah Elaine (Science Specialist), or creating masterpieces with Morah Julie (Art Specialist) the Holidays are explored in every part of the building.

As always, if you ever have a question or would like to know how you can continue to support the Early Learning Center please call me in the ELC office at 412-421-8857.

Shanah tovah U'Metukah!

ELC Calendar

Sept. - Nov. 2021

Monday, September 6

Labor Day/Erev Rosh Hashanah - ELC Closed

Tuesday, September 7

1st Day of Rosh Hashanah - ELC Closed

Wednesday, September 8

2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah - ELC Closed

Thursday, September 16

Yom Kippur - ELC Closed

Wednesday, November 24

Day before Thanksgiving - ELC closes at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Break - ELC Closed

Friday, November 26

Thanksgiving Break - ELC Closed



Learning with J-JEP

Rabbi Larry Freedman
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What gets you up in the morning? I know what it is for me. When you are in the business of educating children, with careful planning, effective listening, and



compassionate guidance you can see a moment of growth. You can see it. It's the widening of the eyes, the tilt of the head, the quiet "oh" as a child's brain makes a connection between a bit of knowledge to the soul. You can see that moment when our heritage moves from something adults do to something the child does. It's a great moment. That's what gets me out of bed each morning.

As we get back to something closer to normal, J-JEP will be bringing opportunities to gather. First up, our donor returns with an offer for ten free sukkot for J-JEP families. What's the catch? You have to set it up year after year and enjoy it with friends and family. That's it. Having dinner in the sukkah is one of the most powerful experiences my children had. The physicality of putting it up, the novelty of sitting out in the cold (or heat depending on the year), the guests crowded around. When the mitzvah of the sukkah switches from something we're supposed to do to something the family looks forward to building, that is a moment of growth. More to come on activities surrounding the sukkah. know as soon as you can if you are interested.

How else shall we get together? Shabbat dinner! Deborah and I will be inviting J-JEP families for Shabbat dinner (patience; it's going to take time to host everyone). And, more excitedly, through a grant we received from The SteelTree Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's Jewish Community Foundation, we want to give you \$100 to underwrite the cost of inviting another J-JEP family over for Shabbat dinner. We have 18 grants and when they are gone, they are gone. After a year of enforced separation, let's use this incentive to come together. More details to come.

And then there is the return of Latkepalooza! Save the date for December 5th!

Of course, we will have COVID-19 protocols in concert with the medical experts at both Beth Shalom and Rodef Shalom. And, of course, please do get yourself and your children over age 12 vaccinated. It's safe and it is making a huge difference.

These and many more moments of growth will be happening this coming year.

Finally, did you know that this year marks the 10th Anniversary of J-JEP? We're excited how far we've come and look forward to a great future. Want to help plan a celebration in the springtime?

Shanah tovah, a much better and healthier year to all of us.



J-JEP Calender Sept. - Nov. 2021

Sunday, October 3 Kindergarten Breakfast

Sunday, October 17
First Grade Breakfast

Sunday, October 31 Second Grade Breakfast

Sunday, November 21
Consecration

Beth Shalom Youth Zone

Marissa Tait

Director of Youth Programs mtait@bethshalompgh.org

Top secret information coming soon...
Keep a lookout for Youth Department emails!!



Upcoming Youth Department Events

BSUSY Sukkah Hop

Monday, September 20 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Sukkah Hop

Sunday, September 26 | 2:15 p.m.

Kadima Event

Sunday, October 3 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Teen Memorial Havdalah

Saturday, October 23 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Youth Event

Sunday, November 7 | 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kadima Event

Sunday, November 14 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

CRUSY Fall Kinnus (tentative)

Friday, November 19 to Sunday, November 21

BSUSY Lounge Nights 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, September 6, 2021 Monday, October 4, 2021 Monday, October 18, 2021 Monday, November 1, 2021 Monday, November 15, 2021

Kadima Lounge Nights 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, September 13, 2021 Monday, October 11, 2021 Monday, October 25, 2021 Monday, November 8, 2021

BSUSY Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner & Discussion 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, October 8, 2021 Friday, November 12, 2021





Jordan Block is the son of Zachary and Beverly Block, and brother of Talia and Benny Block. He is the grandson of Lawrence and Sharon Block of

Carnegie and Ellen and Edward Betel of West Bloomfield, Michigan. Jordan is a 7th grader at Community Day School where he is active in No Place for Hate and participates in Odyssey of the Mind. Outside of school, he loves participating in the



JCC performing arts program, singing capella and playing tennis. Jordan will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on October 2, 2021.

Bar Mitzvah: 10/2/2021

Gavri Gilboa is the son of Drs. Noam and Deborah Gilboa, brother of Ari, Nadav, and Oren Gilboa, grandson of the late Arlyn and Nisan Gilboa (z"I), Arthur Goldberg and

Renee Ramo, and the late Bernice Goldberg (z"l). Gavri is in the seventh grade at Community Day School. He is a Cadet Senior Airman in the Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 602. Gavri is involved in Young Judea as well. Gavri will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on October 9, 2021.



Bar Mitzvah: 10/9/2021

Benei Mitzvah Planning

We begin working with families of students in fourth grade, toward their becoming benei mitzvah.

Please remember that all information related to bat/bar mitzvah and so much more about the process can be found online in the



Beth Shalom Benei Mitzvah Handbook, which you can download as a PDF at BethShalomPgh. org/lifelong-learning/benei-mitzvah.

Please be in contact with Audrey Glickman, Rabbi's Assistant, at

RabbiAsst@BethShalomPgh.org.

Virtual Third Meal

Relax between *Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* each week as we are led in study. Since we cannot eat in person right now, we are asking for volunteers to sponsor the "meal" for \$100 per week, to provide for ritual necessities such as Torah repair.



If you are able to sponsor a virtual third meal, please contact Ira Frank at 412-849-2937 or natfabira@juno.com.

The Sisterhood Says

Judy Kornblith Kobell Sisterhood President jayeko@msn.com

It is wonderful to start a new season that I hope will begin a good year for all of us.



Sisterhood has been in the process of reimagining what we would like to do and how to go into the future. We have had some Zoom meetings for suggestions and ideas and will continue to have discussions with members and others who would like to participate.

Although this is a time of transition, Sisterhood will continue to have events, support Beth Shalom and join with Men's Club to sponsor Shabbat dinners and other social activities. Our Book Club, Latin Cardio classes with Connie Pollack and, of course, our Judaica Shop are still very vibrant parts of Beth Shalom Sisterhood.

Sisterhood is looking for new leadership and new members, as well as continue with those who have been long time participants. Please feel free to be in touch with me to add your thoughts and comments.

I look forward to seeing all of you at services and at our already scheduled events.

All good wishes for a happy, healthy New Year.

B'vrachot.



Sisterhood Schedule 2021 - 2022

Pot Luck Supper

October 6, 2021

Hanukkah Party

December 12, 2021

Sisterhood Shabbat

February 19, 2022

Torah Fund Brunch

April 3, 2022

Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Apple & Honey Plates and Shofars 30% OFF

Valid September 1 to September 30, 2021.

Kiddush Cups & Candle Holders 30% OFF

Valid October 1 to November 30, 2021.

Open by appointment.

Barbara Kaiserman 412.422.5677

Help Your Shul...

by wishing our friends a Happy Birthday!

As part of revamping the birthday greetings, you can now write one larger check and draw down on your deposit as you send greetings during the year. Look for more improvements soon!

PLEASE download the birthday form from our weekly announcements or see the form in our office to complete and return it to our office. Thank you!

The Men's Club

Ira Frank
Men's Club President
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We at Beth Shalom Men's Club are waiting for a New Year and New Beginnings!!! As with most of the world, 5781 cannot end soon enough! Howey

end soon enough! However, even with the pandemic, we were still busy throughout this year! We did many things to help and support our congregation.





Beth Shalo Men's Clu

My two favorite items were the new distribution of yellow candles along with Purim bags, and the repair of four of our sacred Torahs! But enough with the past! We are looking forward to a Great 5782. All our normal programs are back (if COVID allows).

Check out the events and others on page 33 that we already have planned and then we move on to 2022 with our winter events. Stay tuned!

Please get involved with us. We thank you for your support.

Wishing everyone a happy healthy and safe 5782.

Men's Club Events 2021 - 2022

Hanukkah Party - Watch for details

Sports Lunch - February 20, 2022

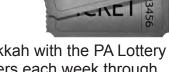
Men's Club Shabbat - April 2, 2022

Men's Club 2021 Hanukkah Gelt

Our Sweepstakes Fundraiser has a new format!

Tickets are **ONLY** \$50 each! No Meal included.

Win multiple times.



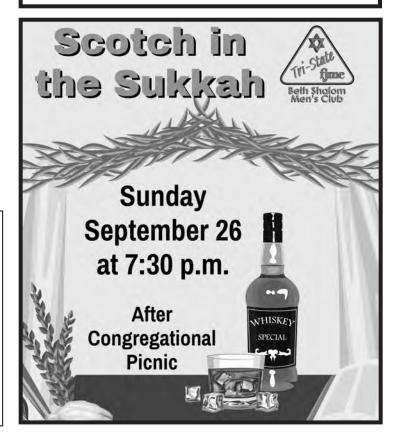
16 drawings over Hanukkah with the PA Lottery drawings plus two winners each week through November.

Monies raised help the Men's Club help and support Beth Shalom.



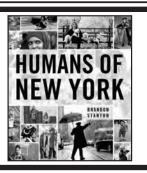
Buy a ticket or two now to WIN!

Must be paid to win. Call Ira Frank or Dale Caprara to pay for a ticket. Questions? Contact Ira Frank at 412-849-2937 or natfabira@juno.com



Humans of Beth Shalom (HOBS)

As a means of introducing members of our congregation to each other, we provide this section of Mishpachtenu, entitled Humans of Beth Shalom (inspired by the famous Humans of New York, or HONY, series). Here, we highlight one or two member "units" (a family or individual) and we look forward to introducing others in the future. We asked the responders to identify themselves and then to respond to a subset of pre-selected questions.



Brooke Barker and Boaz Frankel



Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).

Boaz Frankel (Boaz) Brooke Barker (Yael)

Where were you born and which places have you lived in?

Boaz: I was born in Portland, Oregon, and have lived in Jerusalem, New York, Seattle, DC and Amsterdam before moving to Pittsburgh.

Brooke: I was born in Pittsburgh while my parents

were in school, but I grew up in Minnesota and London, Ontario, and lived in Los Angeles, Marseille, and Utah before meeting Boaz in Portland and moving to Amsterdam and back to Pittsburgh.

How long have you been a member of Congregation Beth Shalom?

Boaz and Brooke in (not creepy) unison: We've been members for about two years, since we moved to Pittsburgh.

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What is something you are excited about doing post-COVID?

Boaz: I'm excited to hug all the friends and family who I haven't seen in over a year. And I want to go back to Kennywood!

Brooke: I want to eat an ice cream sample, go to a hotel breakfast buffet, and lick a handrail on the bus.

What food connects you to feeling Jewish? Where is that memory from?

Brooke: Bamba!

If you could be a fly on the wall in Jewish history where would you want to land and why?

Boaz: We've really enjoyed the show The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel and I'd love to go back 70 years

and hang out at one of the Jewish resorts in the Catskills and see Sammy Davis Jr. or Joan Rivers perform. Does that count as Jewish history?

Brooke: I'd like to go to almost any time in Jewish history and eavesdrop on some female and non-binary Jews whose stories maybe weren't recorded.

Boaz: Gosh, that's nice. Can I change my answer?

What's something that you feel passionate about? A hobby, a belief, your work, family, etc.

Boaz: Organic gardening! Since we moved into our house a little over a year ago, I've been converting the yard from lawn to wildlife haven. If anyone needs any gardening advice or help, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Tell Us YOUR Story!

Contact Elinor Nathanson at esnathanson@verizon.net to be a part of the growing Humans of Beth Shalom project!



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Why I joined Congregation Beth Shalom's Legacy Circle

by Ira Frank Legacy Circle Member

Beth Shalom has been an important part of my life. I have watched for over 30 years as the youth of our community have enjoyed sweets each week. Even when I am unable to do this in person, I want the future youth to enjoy the sweetness of being at shul. My legacy gift to Beth Shalom will enable this to happen.



"Stocking up on sweets for Shabbat!"

We are profoundly grateful for our Legacy Circle Members...

Moshe Baran Dr. Elaine H. Berkowitz Ari & May Chester Milton Eisner (z"l) Sarita Eisner **Gloria Elbling-Gottlieb** Julian A. Elbling **Jay Fingeret Deborah & Nathan Firestone** Ira Frank **Eva Friedman Gary Friedman** Shiri & Josh Friedman Jessica Hammer & Chris Hall David S. Horvitz Gerald Kobell Elaine Krasik (z"l) **Carl Krasik** Gina Levine **Jack & Bernice Meyers Bunny Morris Paul Munro** Gail Neft Fred & Linda Newman **Harvey & Beverly Robins** Jane & Bruce Rollman Yale & Barbara Rosenstein Sharon & Steven Schwartz **Mindy Shreve** Joel Smalley **Richard & Sharon Sweet Paul Teplitz** Nancy & Gary Tuckfelt



Becoming a member of Beth Shalom's Legacy Circle is easy – simply let us know you are thinking about making a legacy gift to the shul through your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or other option. We are happy to sit down and chat with you and your professional advisor to discuss a variety of these options that work best for you to assure that what you cherish about Jewish life at Beth Shalom will be here for future generations. To discuss creating your Jewish legacy, please contact Rabbi Andy Shugerman, 412-421-2288 Ext. 317 or rabbiandy @bethshalompgh.org

Beth Shalom COVID-19 Protocol

Due to COVID-19 protocols changing daily, please watch for updates in our weekly emails and on our website. If you have any questions on our COVID-19 protocols, please contact us at info@bethshalompgh.org.

We appreciate your flexibility and understanding during this difficult time.

Rosh Hashanah Blessings

Candle Lighting

This year the first day of Rosh Hashanah does not fall on Shabbat. We light candles eighteen minutes before sunset. It is traditional to light a minimum of two candles, although some light more, corresponding to the number of people in one's family. After lighting the candles, we customarily cover our eyes while reciting the following *berakhot*.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the Yom Tov light.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season. **Barukh** atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivvanu lehadlik ner shel/ yom tov.

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, shehe<u>h</u>eyanu vekiyyemanu vehiggiyanu la-zeman ha-zeh. בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קּדְשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב: בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֱיֵנוּ וְקִיְמֵנוּ וְהִגִּיעֲנוּ לַזְמֵן הַזֶּה:

Blessing the Children

For a son:

May God make you like Ephraim and	Yesimkha elohim ke-efrayim	יְשִׂימְדָּ אֱלֹהִים כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכִמְנַשֶּׁה:
Menashe.	vekhimenasheh.	V-111 1-1V1 1 W 11 11

For a daughter:

May God make you like Sarah,	Yesimekh elohim kesarah,	יְשִׂימֵךְ אֱלֹהִים כְּשָּׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה:
Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.	rivkah, ra <u>h</u> el, vele-ah.	T T IT : . TT :

Recited for all:

May Adonai bless you and guard you. May God shine God's countenance upon you, and be gracious unto you. May God turn God's countenance toward you and grant you peace.	Yevarekhekha Adonai veyishmerekha. Ya-eir Adonai panav elekha vi <u>h</u> unnekka. Yissa Adonai panav elekha veyasem lekha shalom.	יְבַרֶּכְךָּ יי וְיִשְׁמְרֶךּ: יָאֵר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךּ וִיחֻנֶּךָ: יִשָּׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךְ וְיָשֵׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם:
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Kiddush for the Evening

With the assent of my friends: Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God. Sovereian of the Universe, who chose us from among all people, and exalted us above all (tongues) languages, and sanctified us with Your commandments, And [You] gave us Adonai, our God, in love this Day of Remembrance a day for the shofar sound, a day of holy assembly commemorating the exodus from Egypt. For us have You chosen and for us have You sanctified from among all peoples; and Your word is true and enduring forever, Blessed are You Adonai, Sovereign over all the earth, Sanctifier of Israel, and the Day of Remembrance.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and sustained us, and brought us to this season. Savri haverai:

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, borei peri hagafen.

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh haolam, asher ba<u>h</u>ar banu mikol am, veromemanu mikol lashon, vekiddeshanu bemitzvotav. Vatiten lanu Adonai Eloheinu, be'ahavah et yom hazikaron hazeh, yom teruah mikrah kodesh, zekher litzi'at Mitzrayim. Ki vanu va<u>h</u>arta, ve'otanu kiddashta, mikol ha'amim, udvarkhah emet vekayam la'ad. Barukh atah, Adonai, Melekh al kol ha'aretz, mekadesh Yisrael veyom hazikaron.

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, shehe<u>h</u>eyanu vekiyyemanu/vehiggiyanu lazeman hazeh.

סבַרי חַבַרי: בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה יי אַ-לֹהֵינוּ מֵלַדְּ העולם בורא פרי הגפן. בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה יי אַ-לֹהַינוּ מֵלַדְּ הַעוֹלַם אֲשֶׁר בַּחר בַּנוּ מִכַּל־עַם וְרוֹמָמֲנוּ מִכָּל לַשׁוֹן, וְקִדְּשָׁנוּ בַּמְצַוֹתֵיו. ותָתַן לַנוּ יי אַ-לֹהֵינוּ בַאהַבָה אַת־יוֹם הזַכַּרוֹן הזָה, יום תרועה מקרא קדש זכר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרָיִם. כִּי בָנוּ בַחַרִתּ וָאוֹתַנוּ קַדְּשָׁתַּ מִכַּל־הַעמִים. וּדְבַרָדְ אָמַת וִקיַם לַעד: בַּרוּדְ אַתַּה יי מַלַרְ עַל כַּל הַאַרֵץ מקדש ישראל ויום הזכרון: בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה יי אַלֹהֵינוּ מַלַּךְ ָּהָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקַיְּמֱנוּ וְהִגִּיעֲנוּ לוָמן הוַה:

Kiddush for the Afternoon

Before the midday meal, we recite the following:

Moses declared to the Israelites the sacred occasions of God.

Sound the shofar on our feast day, on the new moon, when it is hidden. For it is Israel's law, a decree of the God of Jacob.

With the assent of my friends:

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Vaydabber moshe et mo'adei Adonai el benei yisrael.

Tik'u va<u>h</u>odesh shofar bakeseh leyom <u>h</u>aggeinu. Ki <u>h</u>ok leyisrael hu mishpat leilohei ya'akov.

Savri haverai:

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, borei peri hagafen. וְיָדַבֵּר משה אֶת מועֲדֵי יי אֶל בְּנֵי יִשׁרָאֵל: תקעוּ בחדש שופר בּכַּסה לִיום חגנוּ. כּי

מרכנ שרכני

חק לישראל הוא משפט לאלהי יעקב:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פָרי הַגַּפָן:

Handwashing

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has made us holy through the commandments and commanded us concerning the washing of hands. **Barukh** atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivvanu al netilat yadayim.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נָטילת יַדִים:

Hamotzi (recited before eating bread)

Blessed are You, Adonai our God,	Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melech	בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם
Who brings bread from the earth.	ha'olam hamotzi le <u>h</u> em min ha-aretz.	הַמֹוצִיא לַחָם מִן הָאַרִץ:

Prayer for a Sweet Year

We recite the following over an apple dipped in honey:

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the tree.	Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, borei peri ha'etz.	בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָעֵץ:
May it be Your will, Adonai our God, and God of our ancestors, to renew for us a new, sweet, and good year.	Yehi ratzon milfanekha Adonai eloheinu veilohei avoteinu ve-immoteinu she- te <u>h</u> addesh aleinu shanah tovah umetukah.	יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָנֶיךָּ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וָאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ וֵאמוֹתִינוּ שֶׁתְּחַדֵשׁ עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה:

Erev Yom Kippur - with the Family Before Services

Kapparot

The ritual of Kapparot symbolizes the transfer of sins from the sinner to some other object or being. In this respect, it is like the ritual of Tashlikh on Rosh Hashanah, or the ancient Yom Kippur ceremony of the scapegoat (Leviticus 16). Whereas this ceremony has been performed using a chicken — later eaten at the meal — today it is more common to use a small sum of money, placed in an envelope and circled over the head of the individual three times as the words of the ritual are recited. The money is then contributed to tzedakah, in fulfillment of the ancient promise that acts of charity can save us from the severity of any decree against us.

This is in my stead. May this be my substitute; may this be my atonement. This money will go to tzedakah, that I may enter the path to a good, long life, and to peace.	Zeh <u>h</u> alifati, zeh temurati, zeh kapparati. Zeh hakesef yelekh litzedakah, va-ani elekh ve-ekkanes le <u>h</u> ayyim tovim arukkim ulshalom.	ז חֵלִיפָּתִי, זֶה תְּמוּרָתִי, זֶה כַּפָּרָתִי. זֹ הַכֶּסֶף יֵלַךְ לִצְדָקָה, וַאֲנִי אֵלַךְ אָכָּנֵס לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים אֲרַכִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם.
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Candle Lighting

We light candles eighteen minutes before sunset, as on Shabbat. It is traditional to light a minimum of two candles, although some light more, corresponding to the number of people in one's family. After lighting the candles, we customarily cover our eyes while reciting the following two berakhot.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His command-ments and commanded us to kindle the light of the Day of Atonement.	Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivvanu lehadlik ner shel yom hakippurim.	בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בָּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוְנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם הַכַּפּוּרִים:
Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and sustained us, and brought us to this season.	Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, shehe <u>h</u> eyanu vekiyyemanu vehiggiyanu la- zeman hazeh.	בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֵיְנוּ וְקִיְמֶנוּ וְהָגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזָּה:

Tashlikh

Observed in 5782 on Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Before the bread is cast into the water, the following may be recited:

Is there any divinity save You who forgives the sins and pardons the transgressions of the remnant, Your people? You do not maintain anger forever, for You delight in love. You will return to us compassionately, overcoming the consequences of our sin, hurling our sins into the depths of the sea. You will keep faith with Jacob, showing enduring love to Abraham, as You promised our ancestors in days of old. Micab 218-20

The following may be added:

In my trouble I called to Adonai, who answered me; from the belly of Sheol I cried out, and You heard my voice. You cast me into the depths, into the heart of the sea, the floods engulfed me; all Your breakers and billows swept over me. I thought I was driven away out of Your sight: Would I ever gaze again upon Your holy Temple? The waters closed in over me, the deep engulfed me. Weeds twined around my head. I sank to the base of the mountains; the bars of the earth closed upon me forever. Yet You brought my life up from the pit, O my God Adonai! When my life was ebbing away, I called Adonai to mind; and my prayer came before You, into Your holy Temple. Jonah 2:3-8

After the bread is cast into the water, one of the following may be recited:

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None shall hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the love of Adonal shall fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

Isaiah 11:0

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For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for just as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more flood the earth; so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains may move and the hills shake; but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be taken away—says ADONAI, who has taken you back in love. ISBABLE SALED TO

Tashlikh is a ceremony performed near a body of water, preferably one that flows into a larger body of water. It takes place on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, except when the first day falls on Shabbat, in which case it takes place on the second day. The origin of Tashlikh is shrouded in mystery. The first direct mention can be found in the halakhic work of Rabbi Jacob Moelin (Maharil, 15th century), who approved of the custom of going to the water to recite particular biblical verses and prayers on Rosh Hashanah, but specified that it is inappropriate to throw bread in the water to represent the sins that are being cast away. Clearly, both the custom and the bread-throwing preceded him, but we do not know when this tradition began.

The ceremony of Tashlikh survived and grew in popularity, despite significant rabbinic opposition. Some rabbis opposed Tashlikh because it makes the complex process of separating

Before the bread is cast into the water, the following may be recited:

מִי־אֵל כָּמְוֹךּ נִשֵּׁא עָוֹן וְעֹבֵר עַל־פֵּשַׁע לִשְׁאֵרִית נַחֲלֶתוֹ, לֹא הֶחֲזִיק לָעַד אַפּוֹ כִּי חָפֵץ חֶסֶד הוּא. יָשׁוּב יְרַחֲמֵנוּ יִכְבֹּשׁ עֲוֹנֹתֵינוּ וְתַשְׁלִיךְ בִּמְצֻלוֹת יָם כְּל־חַטֹּאתָם. תִּתֵּן אֶמֶת לְיַעֲלְב חֱסֶד לְאַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִימִי קִדם. מִיכּוּ זִיחִ-כּ

The following may be added:

קֶרֶאתִי מִצָּרָה לִי אֶל־יהוה וַיַּעֲנֵנִי מִבֶּטֶן שְׁאוֹל שִׁנְעְתִּי שְׁמִלְיכֵנִי מְצוּלָה בִּלְבַב יַמִּים וְנָהָר יִסֹבְבֵנִי כְּלֹּי מִעְּלִיכֵנִי מְצוּלָה בִּלְבַב יַמִּים וְנָהָר יִסֹבְבֵנִי כְּלֹ־מִשְׁבְּרֵיךּ וְגַלֶּיךְ עָלִי עָבַרוּ. וַאֲנִי אָמִרְתִּי נִגְּרֲשְׁךְּ. נִגְרֲשְׁתִּי מִנֵּגֶד עֵינֵיךְ אַךְ אוֹסִיף לְהַבִּיט אֶל־הֵיכַל קָּדְשֶׁךְ. אֲפָפוּנִי מֵיִם עַד־נָבֶשׁ תְּהוֹם יְסֹבְבֵנִי סוּף חָבוּשׁ לְרֹאשִׁי. לְקִצְבֵי הָרִים יָרַדְתִּי הָאֶרֶץ בְּרָחֵיהָ בַעֲדִי לְעוֹלָם וַתַּעַל מְשְׁחַת חַיַּי יהוה אֱלֹהִי. בְּהָתְעַשֵּף עָלֵי נַפְשִׁי אֶת־יהוה זֶלְרָּי, בְּהָתְעַשֵּף עָלֵי נַפְשִׁי אֶת־יהוה זֶּלַרְ, יִנּהַבּגַּח זְּבָּרְתִי וַתָּבוֹא אֵלֵיךְ תְּפַּלָתִי אֶל־הֵיכַל קְדְשֶׁךְ. יִנּהְבּגַּח

After the bread is cast into the water, one of the following may be recited;

א לא־יָרֵעוּ וְלא־יַשְׁתִּיתוּ בְּכָל־הַר קָדְשִׁי כִּי־מִלְאָה הָאֶרֶץ דַּעָה אֱת־יהוה כַּמֵיִם לַיַּם מִכַסִּים. ישעיהאט

פִּי־מֵי נְּחַ זֹאת לִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבְּעְתִּי מֵעֲבֹר מֵי־נְּחַ עוֹד עַל־ הָאֵרֶץ כֵּן נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מִקְצֹף עָלַיִּךְ וּמִגְּעָר־בָּךְ. כִּי הָהָרִים יַמִּוּשׁוּ וַהַגָּבַעוֹת תִּמוּטֵינָה וְחַסְדִּי מֵאִתַּךְ לֹא־יַמוּשׁ

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sin from our lives seem too facile, as if it is simply a matter of casting bread from our hands. But Tashlikh survived because it fulfilled a popular need. Most of what we do on Rosh Hashanah depends on verbal expression or on

listening. Tashlikh, the symbolic casting away of our sins,

constitutes one of the few active rituals of the day.

Fashlikh has been understood in a variety of ways. Throwing bread into the water can be understood as a symbolic casting away of our sins, marking the purification that takes place on these days. Moreover, just as fish eat our bread and what is cast away becomes nourishment, so we pray that even our sins will eventually be turned to good effect in the world. Lastly, just as the waters of the sea go around the world, so too can we, at this moment, become conscious of how we are connected to all that is around us.

Mahzor Lev Shalem

High Holiday Services 5782

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 6, 2021

Candle Lighting: 7:24 p.m.

6:00 p.m. *Minhah/Ma'ariv*

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Morning Service
Meet in front of Beth
Shalom to walk to
Chatham Pond
Tashlikh: Casting away
our sins at Chatham
Pond. Rain or shine;
BYOBread
Return
Min <u>h</u> ah/Ma'ariv

After 8:22 p.m. Candle Lighting from an

existing flame

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

9:00 a.m	Morning Service
7:30 p.m	Min <u>h</u> ah/Ma'ariv
8:21 p.m	Havdalah

EREV YOM KIPPUR, KOL NIDREI

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

YOM KIPPUR MORNING

Thursday, September 16, 2021

9:00 a.m	Morning Service
Approx. 11:00 a.m	Yizkor
2:30 p.m	Break/Avodah/Eilleh
	Ezkerah with Rabbi
	Adelson
2:30-4:00 p.m	Derekh Discussions
5:30 p.m	Min <u>h</u> ah
7:00 p.m	Ne'ilah
8:00 p.m	Ma'ariv

All Holiday services can be accessed via ZOOM.

8:07 p.m.Shofar/Havdalah

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Program & Prayer Service

Details to follow

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Navigating the Services

Once a year we come together for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The holiday services can be long and confusing; here are a few things which might help.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah celebrates the New Year; it is a time of renewal when we consider the choices we have made throughout the year. It is also the time when we hear the shofar blown and crown God as our Ruler. The holiday is celebrated over two days, both here and in Israel. Throughout the holiday, the prayer leader leads the congregation in the distinctive tunes, called *nusah*, that are particular to the High Holiday services. You might notice the broad range and lofty nature of the *nusah*, this encourages us to imagine divine power. The pattern of the two days is, fortunately, the same.

The evening services are relatively brief. The service starts with the *Shema* and its associated blessings. The *Shema* is the central declaration of Judaism when we proclaim the oneness of God. We say it while sitting down and covering our eyes. The second major section of prayer is the special Rosh Hashanah *Amidah* which is recited standing and in silence, as is the practice for the *Amidah* in all services.

The morning service is the focus of Rosh Hashanah. The service begins with opening prayers and the *Amidah*. After this, we rise to recite *Avinu Malkeinu* in which we ask that our sins be forgiven. The Torah reading consists of the passages leading up to and including the *Akedah*, the story of the binding of Isaac. After the Torah reading, the shofar, a ram's horn, is blown, a key practice of Rosh Hashanah. The shofar blasts are meant to stir our hearts to sincere repentance and atonement.

The rabbi's sermon follows, and then we enter *Musaf*, the additional service reserved for Shabbat and holidays. The *Musaf Amidah* includes a number of poems that heighten the intensity of the day.

The most famous is the *Untaneh Tokef*, asking the challenging question, who shall live and who shall die? Three sections follow, representing the focal points of Rosh Hashanah, each punctuated by shofar blasts: the *Malkhuyot*, crowning God as our Sovereign and Creator, the *Zikhronot*,

asking God to remember us in God's judgment, and *Shofarot*, announcing the awesome holiness of the day and the revelation of Torah.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, the major fast of the year, lasts for 25 hours, from the start of sunset to the beginning of complete darkness the next day. For this period we refrain from eating or drinking so long as we do not endanger our health. As well, we refrain from wearing leather as a way of denying ourselves luxuries. Some people choose to wear white on this day to reflect outwardly the desire for cleansing our souls. Yom Kippur is a holiday of repentance and forgiveness - a chance to atone for our sins.

A focal point of the holiday is the opening moments, when, in the evening, we chant *Kol Nidrei*, the dissolution of vows. Before we can ask God to forgive our sins, we ask that any vows we made be canceled. Then, after an evening *Amidah*, we chant prayers for forgiveness (*Selihot*) and confession (*Vidui*). It is customary to lean forward slightly and strike your heart while chanting the confessionary prayers to reinforce our feelings of atonement.

The daytime service parallels the Rosh Hashanah service, including opening prayers, the *Amidah*, and Torah reading. The service continues as we remember those we know who have died, called *Yizkor*, enabling those who have lost loved ones to pledge service and charity in their name. Some, whose parents are living, have the custom of leaving before the *Yizkor* prayer, but all are encouraged to remain. Following *Yizkor* we continue with the *Musaf*, again chanting the *Amidah* and more prayers for forgiveness (*Selihot*) and confession (*Vidui*).

As the sun goes down in the West, the day concludes with the *Ne'ilah* service. This service represents the closing of the book, the time when the decisions of life for the year to come are made and one is given a final chance for repentance. We mark the end of the holiday with a long blast from the shofarot of the congregation.

2021 FESTIVAL OF SUKKOT

FIRST	DΔV	ΩF	SII	KKO	г

Candle	lighting	7:00	p.m.

Monday, September 20	Sukkot Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
	Congregational dinner in the Sukkah	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 21	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
	Sukkot Morning Service	9:15 a.m.

Have your Lulav & Etrog ready!

SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT

Candle lighting from existing flame 7:59 p.m.

Tuesday, September 21	Sukkot Evening Service	6:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, September 22	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.	
	Sukkot Morning Service	9:15 a.m.	
Have your Lulav & Etrog ready!			
Wednesday, September 22	Evening Service	7:10 p.m.	

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Havdalah at 7:57 p.m.

navadan at 7.57 p.m.

HOL HAMOED – INTERMEDIATE DAYS

Thursday, September 23	Morning Service Evening Service	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 24	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
	SHABBAT <u>H</u> OL HAMOED Candle lighting at 6:54 p.m.	
Friday, September 24	Shababababa Kabbalat Shabbat	5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 25	Early Morning Shabbat Service Shabbat Morning Service <i>Minhah</i> / Discussion / <i>Ma'ariv</i>	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:50 p.m.
Sunday, September 26	Morning Service Congregational Picnic in the Sukkah Evening Service	8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
	HOSHANA RABBA	
Monday, September 27	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
	SHEMINI ATZERET Candle lighting at 6:49 p.m.	

Monday, September 27 Shemini Atzeret Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 28 Early Morning Service 6:00 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret Service, with Yizkor 9:00 a.m.

(Yizkor at approximately 10:30 a.m.)

SIMHAT TORAH

Candle lighting from existing flame 7:47 p.m.

Tuesday, September 28 Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Family celebration: *hakafot*, dancing, and singing with *Sifrei Torah* beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29 Early Morning Service 6:00 a.m.

Simhat Torah Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Family hakafot – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 29 Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Havdalah at 7:45 p.m.

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John Katz and family on the passing of his uncle Michael Litman on Wednesday, May 19th.

Family and friends on the passing of long-time member Yetta Elinoff on Wednesday, May 26th at the age of 98.

Terry & Kenny Steinberg on the passing of Terry's brother Steven Feinberg on Saturday, June 26th.

Sondra (Richard) Glasser on the passing of her sister-in-law Eraline Goldstein on Thursday, July 15.

Claire (Morris) Weinbaum on the passing of her sister-in-law Beverly (Kordish) Lebovitz, on July 25th.

Milestones - Mazal Tov!

May 1, 2021 — July 31, 2021

Marlene & Art Silverman, on their great-grandson Menachem Mendel Silverman becoming a bar mitzvah on May 1st.

Aaron & Donielle Morgenstern on their daughters Josephine and Raleigh becoming benot mitzvah.

The Beth Shalom USY, who won four awards in 2021 for the CRUSY Region: Best Overall Social Media, Best Overall Increase in Membership, Best Shabbat Experience, and Program of the Year.

The 2021-2022 BSUSY Board: Maya Zimmerman, President; Ori Cohen, Social Action / Tikkun Olam VP; Shuli Dernis, Religion / Education VP; Dalia Kolko, Membership / Kadima VP; Jonah Rosenberg, Israel Affairs VP; and Lily Feinman, Communications VP.

Ellen and Bob Garvin on the marriage of their son Michael to Dr. Leslie Klein of Albany, New York. Michael is the grandson of members Ralph and Audrey Silverman (mazal tov to them as well) and the late Norman and Ruth Garvin. Leslie is the daughter of Monte Klein and the late Linda Klein of Albany New York. She is the granddaughter of the late Lawrence and Rosalind Klein, and the late Ira and Sylvia Sacks. Due to COVID, a small family wedding was held in Pittsburgh.

Helen Feder, on her retirement.

Ayelet & Adam Feinberg on their daughter Sivon Rose Feinberg becoming a bat mitzvah.

Happy grandparents David and Teddi Horvitz and Rhonda Horvitz, on the birth of a grandson on May 29th, son of Rachel and Jeff Bittenbender.

Proud grandparents Elinor & Nathan Young and Ed Hopkins of Maryland, on granddaughter Adeline Young's celebrating becoming a bat mitzvah on May 29th at Temple Emanuel. Parents of the bat mitzvah are Jeff & Laura Young.

Jeff Finkelstein, on receiving the 2021 Bernard Reisman Award for Professional Excellence, and being named the commencement speaker for the Hornstein Class of 2021.

Bernice & Jack Meyers on their grandchildren Ruby and Simon Meyers becoming benei mitzvah.

Alex Kiderman on his election and for being installed as a National Vice President of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC).

Mikael Kimelman on his recent retirement.

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May 28, 2021

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June 4, 2021

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June 11, 2021

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Supporting Shabbat and Yom Tov services

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Underwriting Kesher annual cost

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Paying the expenses associated with the Halpern Young Leadership award.

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Bringing Seminary students to Beth Shalom for shabbat weekend

Morris Henderson Yahrzeit End Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Hoffman Library Fund

Establishing and maintaining the Hoffman Library

Israel Experience Scholarship Fund

Funding scholarships for dependent children of Congregants to offset costs for trip to Israel

Allan & Betsy Kanarek Shabbat Alive Endowment

Offering programming for Shabbat Alive events

Joan & Larry Lasday Memorial Education Fund

Assisting deserving youth of Synagogue members

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Providing an annual scholarship to enable an Israel experience for a member in need

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Providing hearing devices for those who are hearing impaired

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Supporting synagogue operations

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Providing books and other educational materials for preschool

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Mazerov Scholarship Endowment

Providing scholarship support for children of Beth Shalom members

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Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

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Supporting preschool programming

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Supporting charitable causes as defined by the Philanthropic Committee

Prayer Book Fund

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

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Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

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Financing education programs and activities

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Supporting music programming

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Establishing and maintaining youth lounge

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Providing flowers for the Bima & our Rabbis for the High Holidays

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Purchasing of Torah Cover in honor of every Congregation President

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Supporting Scholar-in-Residence Program

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Supporting Preschool operations

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Establishing and maintaining the Starks Humanities Library

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Providing books and other educational materials for Religious School Enrichment

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Supporting synagogue operations

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Maintaining and replacing Preschool playground equipment

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Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

Youth Fund

Supporting youth programming

Zukerman Sukkot Endowment

Providing Sukkot decorations and kiddushes and Sukkah construction/repair

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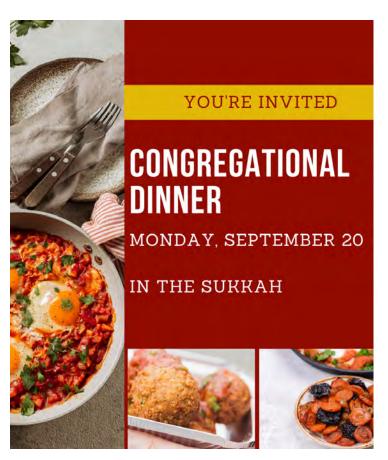


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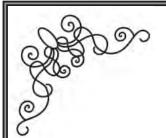
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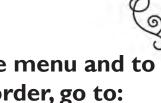
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