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## High Holidays 5784: Into the Future

**Rabbi Seth Adelson**

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Uncertainty. Anxiety. Rapid change.



We used to think we knew what the future held. Now, things seem to be more unclear. The features and institutions of our world and our society which have kept us grounded, which made us feel like our lives were stable and comfortable are coming undone. We fear guns, drugs, disinformation, crime, global warming, politicians who do not think like we do, people who want to ban books and medical procedures, the potential threat of artificial intelligence, the yawning gap between rich and poor, threats to democracy, anti-Semitism, racism, all the -isms. Our young people are struggling with their mental health in unprecedented ways. Many of us are seeking ways to manage in a world of uncertainty; the drive to succeed has, in the minds of many, been replaced with the desire to just feel safe and secure.

What happened to the future? Who stole the science-fiction vision of benevolent technology, space and time travel, an end to cancer, the full-time 20-hour work-week for all?

Sure, some might say the future has arrived: we hold in the palms of our hands all the information humanity has amassed, and soon that information will be implanted in our brains. We have finally taught computers to “think” and “speak” like people. We created a vaccine for Covid in record time.

But others, in surveying our current state, say, “Yes, but things somehow seem to be getting worse.”

In Pirkei Avot, the second-century collection of rabbinic wisdom, we read the following:

רבי יעקב אומר, העולם הזה דומה לפרוזדור בפני העולם הבא. התקן עצמך בפרוזדור, כדי שתכנס לטרקלין.

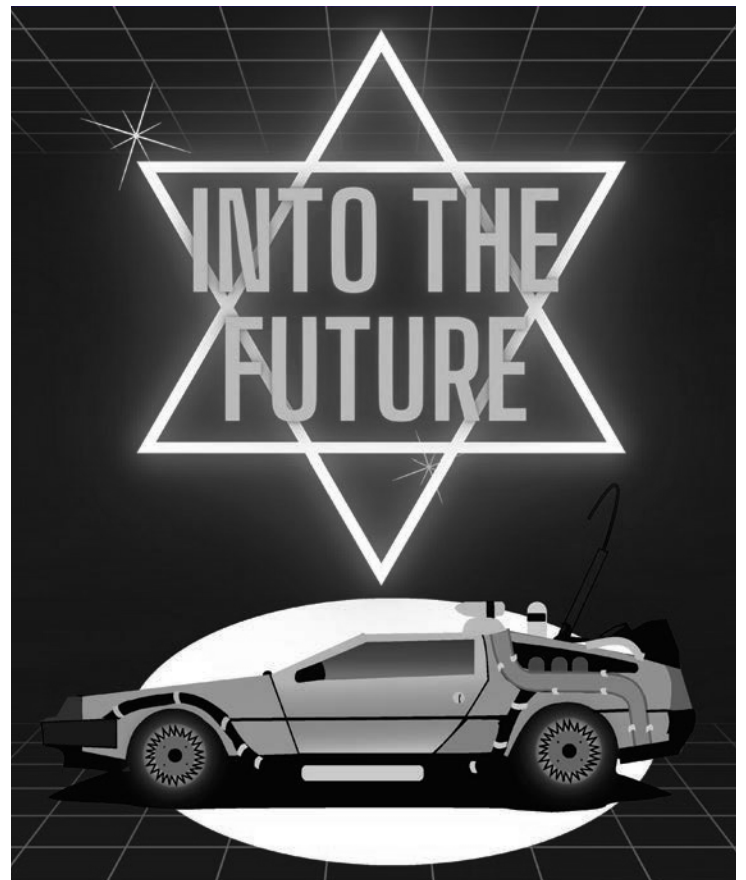
Rabbi Ya'akov said: this world is like a hallway before the world to come; prepare yourself in the hallway, so that you may enter the banquet hall.

While Rabbi Ya'akov's intent may be to promise a glorious afterlife to those who are worthy, we might also read this as a cautionary tale: we must shape the future while we are still in the hallway of the present. The future is within our grasp, but how can we ensure that we are actually holding the reins?

Jewish tradition, of course, holds the answers for us, just as it did for our ancestors. When our people were persecuted and exiled and slaughtered across the ages, we held fast to our tradition to keep us whole, to keep us safe, to keep us inspired and holy. And today is no different.

Over these Days of Awe, as we enter 5784 and travel the familiar lane of introspection and teshuvah, I will endeavor to give you a framework onto which you can hold, which can guide us all as we navigate the uncertainty of the future.

Shanah tovah! A happy, healthy, and inspiring 5784 to you and yours.



## OUR LEADERSHIP

### A Message from Our President

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The upcoming season is one of reflection, introspection, and renewal. It is a time both to look back and assess the journey that brought us to this point and to determine the route we envision for the next part of our journey. It is hard to believe that just 35 families gathered 106 years ago this Rosh Hashanah at the Orpheum Theater at the corner of Forbes and Murray to pray and contemplate their religious future. Those visionary families anticipated the tremendous growth of the Jewish Community within the Squirrel Hill neighborhood. Five short years later they would break ground at our current location.

Every generation of this historic congregation has faced similar challenges. They had to maintain this growing campus, there were people to hire, and there were events and activities to plan.

One generation had the luxury of handling the logistics for the high holiday services when the number of congregants exceeded the number of seats in the sanctuary, while another generation was forced to find a different space for the high holidays because a devastating fire made our sanctuary unusable.

Over the last five years we weathered a pandemic, we replaced a roof, we replaced four major HVAC units, and we repaired the cornice on the part of the building that faces Shady Avenue. We installed an array of solar panels to start our journey towards environmental sustainability. We also face the challenge of hiring enough teachers to maximize the enrollment and expand the hours of operation at our Early Learning Center.

Our generational challenge is to undertake major repairs to our Beth Shalom campus and reimagine it for the twenty first century. The \$1,000,000 matching grant award from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program is the first step in that

journey. Over the next few months, we will begin to discuss these opportunities and how we will work together to achieve these goals.

In closing, I am reminded of the story from the Midrash about the old man planting a fig tree for the future. When asked by an observer why he was planting something when he will not completely realize the fruits of his labor, the old man responded that just as his ancestors planted for him, he will plant for future generations. Just as those thirty-five families planted that first fig tree, we, as a community, have a sacred duty to do the same for the families of the future.

I would like to wish everyone a year of sweetness, good health, and happiness.

Gemar Hatimah Tovah,  
Paul M. Teplitz

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## A Message from our Executive Director

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### Thankfulness...

This quarterly issue of Mishpachtenu covers some major events, namely;

- **The High Holidays**, which include Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. By the time you read this article, you would have already received, by email and snail mail, most of the holiday information. I am looking forward to us all joining together as we celebrate this special time of the Jewish year.
- Mark your calendars for Sunday evening November 19, as we will be having **our annual "Come Together" event**. This year we will be welcoming the **Clergy Boys**. This special musical concert will take place in our Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary. The entire Jewish community will be invited as we celebrate four amazing hazzans who travel the US delighting audiences of all ages. Please see the back cover of this issue of our Mishpachtenu for more details.

In addition to the above major events, I would like to refer to the title of this article which states Thankfulness. I know everyone has something for which to be thankful. As we approach the secular holiday of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for and want to acknowledge our many unsung heroes that fly under the radar. Our maintenance and custodial staff. Without them we could not function. These amazing individuals are here every day of the week making sure the synagogue is open, clean, set up, and working properly. They are also here to welcome you in the evening and on the weekends. I want you to acknowledge,



**John Williams**, full-time employee, seven years on the job as our Maintenance Supervisor, runs the show, supervising seven staff members, making sure everyone is scheduled properly to ensure a smooth operation. "I enjoy my job, it keeps me physically and mentally sharp. I always have many things to work on".



**Sis Cable**, full-time employee, 35 years on the job. She has enjoyed her work with a great crew of men. Sis has the amazing knowledge of where all the materials and books are located and when everything needs to be put out.



**Billy Marks**, part-time employee, 44 years on the job, most of which was full-time. Billy obviously knows pretty much everything about how Beth Shalom works and what needs to be done.



**Boris Tatarintsev**, full-time employee, 27 years on the job. Boris knows pretty much everyone as he has greeted our members and guests at the front door for many years.



**Rob Strothers**, full-time employee, two years on the job. Rob really likes the Beth Shalom atmosphere and feels the members are very nice.



**Justin Taylor**, full-time employee, just about one year on the job. He really enjoys working in the maintenance field and looks forward to being with us for many years to come.



**Fataki Somwe**, full-time employee, under one year on the job as a placed refugee. This is his first job. He likes the staff and the peaceful atmosphere and hopes to work here for many more years.



**Otis Lockhart**, part-time employee three months on the job. Otis likes the members as he said "they are friendly and polite". He is grateful for the opportunity to work here.

The next time you have a chance, please personally thank them for everything they do.

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



## OUR LEADERSHIP

### A Message from Our Associate Rabbi

#### Five books you need to prepare for the High Holidays

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As incredible and uplifting as High Holiday services are, it's hard to walk into them unprepared and get the desired effect. The best spiritual experience comes when someone arrives prepared and ready - like a runner who has properly trained or a student who studied for weeks in preparation for a test.

With that in mind, here are a few book recommendations to read in the month before new year 5784 that might make the holidays more impactful this go-around.

#### *On Repentance and Repair*, Danya Ruttenberg

Getting right when you've been wrong is perhaps the most dominant theme of the introspective period leading up to Rosh Hashanah and culminating at Yom Kippur. But it's not so simple as 'owning mistakes and saying sorry.' Rabbi Ruttenberg has a fresh take on apology that's also a thousand years old as she applies Maimonides Hilkhos Teshuvah - Laws of Repentance - to the modern world, asking, for example, how the #MeToo perpetrators could properly atone for their errors. Ruttenberg also asks big questions about atonement for national sin, considering the Holocaust, and South African reconciliation, and Black slavery in America. This book will make you approach Yom Kippur in a different way.

#### *Torah Without End*, Michael Strassfeld

One way to deepen the holidays is to find a new and different read on Torah. 'Torah without End' is a collection of interpretations of different Torah portions, prayer passages, and holidays from 93 different teachers, scholars, and rabbis; some you may know (Art Green, Naomi Levy, Shefa Gold) and some who may be the next generation of spiritual lights (Dorothy Richman, Sam Feinsmith, Melila Hellner-Eshed). Some of these essays are brief, but they accomplish the essential work of uplifting and inspiring like a motivational message on your bathroom mirror. The kind of book you read in dashes and spurts, and fill with post-its and flags to hold the page of that thing you really liked and want to re-read again and again.

*This is Real and you are Completely Unprepared*, Alan Lew  
I imagine there are people who have read this cover to cover over a day or two. I cannot; I refuse to. In fact, in four attempts, I have never finished this book. I read four or five pages. I stop and ponder (ponder is a somewhat pretentious word, so perhaps really I just space-out) over the meaning of existence and God and human growth and obligation and fallibility. Lew is poetic and instructive and guru-esque but also deeply personal; you feel you know him. The book's title is perfect, and yet the book really will prepare you for the High Holidays, even if you, like me, never actually finish reading it. One might argue that this book, if properly read, is never finished.

#### *Inspired*, Rachel Held Evans

Held Evans' book is part spiritual autobiography of woman's struggles with the faith of her upbringing, part biblical poetry and midrash workshop. She is going on the same quest that all us persons of faith are on, but she brings her reader along to expose the painful parts and the difficult parts, so that when she ultimately arrives at some new place, you feel like you've arrived too. Held Evans was a Christian, but both her approach to the Bible and her struggles with faith and misogyny are universal to the point of feeling deeply Jewish.

#### *Beginnings Anew, A Woman's Companion to the High Holidays*, by Gail Twersky Reimer and Judith A. Kates

A better subtitle for this book would have been twenty-five essays that re-interpret everything you thought you ever knew about Sarah, Hagar, the Akeidah, the biblical Scapegoat ritual, and the story of Jonah. The scholarly essays in this book all happen to be written by women, but their intended audience is anybody interested in unreading the biblical text so that they might re-read them in new and improved ways. The essays I found most perspective-shifting were those by Devora Steinmetz, reading Jonah against Elijah; Naama Kelman, who envisions the scapegoat's journey into the desert as our own journey; and Marsha Pravder Mirkin, exploring the Rosh Hashanah textual selections as explorations of empathy. But again, there are many modes and methods in this book for all manner of readers.

Each penitent or prayerful person approaches the High Holidays from a different place, seeking a different outcome. And so, when it comes to the right book that will leave its mark on you for this year, your mileage, again, may vary. Nonetheless, I encourage you to take the trip.

### A Message from our Development Director

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This summer I was reminded of the adage that “health is not valued until sickness comes.” As some of you may know, I spent almost a week at UPMC Shadyside Hospital with a mysterious infection. The most important thing to share here is that I am now fine and returning to full health. After that news, though, I have often been asked to share some kind of hard-won wisdom or newfound perspective given the trials and tribulations of being so severely ill. I am happy to report that the experience actually helped me to relearn one valuable distinction that applies both to my personal and professional lives regarding what it means to get used to or to disrupt any “status quo” in one’s life.

My training as a fundraising professional began in the world of congregation-based community organizing (CBCO), and my mentors in that field taught my peers and me to understand the difference between “maintenance” and “development” contexts for any given community or institution. With the former, stakeholders take for granted a certain cultural status quo of systems, structures, and norms that have taken shape over a period of time. That is not inherently bad, but in taking these aspects for granted, this situation limits opportunities for new growth, learning and relationships. On the contrary, a context for development explicitly focuses new attention and energy on deepening, if not creating, the kinds of new systems, structures, practices and relationships that can give rise to institutional growth. Sometimes the impetus for such a transformation is entirely positive and based on incentives; at other times, an organization finds itself in crisis, much as my body did with an infectious disease.

In other words, if we think about those collective aspects of change in more individual terms, my own personal experiences this summer become more relevant to the transformative work we are undertaking here at Beth Shalom to realize opportunities for growth. In my case, a shock to my immune system forced me to make significant changes to my lifestyle not because I was doing anything wrong before that but because my body needed a holistic approach including a new diet and approach to exercise in order to help myself in healing.

Fortunately for Beth Shalom, this is only an extended metaphor I have shared here for purposes of reflection about news that is entirely positive. This Fall, our synagogue’s lay leaders and senior staff will begin the planning process to realize our \$1 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) matching grant from the State of Pennsylvania. This will be the largest capital improvement effort Beth Shalom will have undertaken since the October 1996 fire destroyed most of our synagogue’s campus. The Board of Trustees has approved moving forward to lay the groundwork for this great undertaking. We will share more with you as the process evolves. In the meantime, I wish to thank so very many of you for your concerns, thoughts and prayers conveyed through emails, text messages and phone calls during my hospital stay. All the more so, folks wishing me well in my recovery after I began to return to the synagogue in person have further deepened a sense of how much Beth Shalom is not just my workplace but my spiritual home in Pittsburgh.

With that in mind, I want to thank all of you in advance for continuing to belong to this tremendous “family of families” that we call Beth Shalom – a house not just of peace but wholeness.

May we all be blessed with a happy and healthy New Year in 5784!

## Growing Through the ELC

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Hello Congregants!



Beth Shalom Early Learning Center just wrapped up another successful and fun Camp Gan Shalom session. The children spent eight weeks exploring different authors and stories, splashing in our new outdoor water tables, and going for walks in the neighborhood.

The educators in our center have been busy preparing for our upcoming reaccreditation visit with the National Association for Educating Young Children (NAEYC). This is a nationally recognized accreditation and one that must be renewed and earned every 5 years. The process itself is no easy feat and entails a lot of preparatory work including thoughtful classroom set-up, organization, and portfolio creation. We expect to have our accessor visit our program anytime beginning September first. We know our wonderful educators will do a fantastic job during this process!

For the 2023-2024 school year we are excited to have eight classrooms open. Soon all 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.

We are also excited to have Morah Julie's art studio in a new location this school year, Room 207, on the second floor! Be sure to stop by and see the amazing space created to foster art exploration and

creativity. The studio will also have open hours for classrooms to sign up and explore the space with their classroom teachers.

The educators and I are looking forward to another successful year in the Early Learning Center, and as always, we thank all our families, children, and community for their continued support of our program.

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 UMetukah*  
Hilary Yeckel



## ELC Calendar

Sept. - Nov. 2023

**Monday, September 4**

Labor Day - ELC Closed

**Friday, September 15**

Erev Rosh Hashanah - ELC closes at 1 pm

**Monday, September 25**

Yom Kippur - ELC Closed

**Friday, September 29**

Sukkot - ELC closes at 3 pm

**Friday, October 6**

Shmini Atzeret - ELC closes at 3 pm

**Friday, November 10**

Veterans Day - ELC Closed

**Wednesday, November 22**

Day before Thanksgiving - ELC closes at 3 pm

**Thu., November 23 & Fri., November 24**

Thanksgiving Break - ELC Closed



## Learning with J-JEP

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Too particularistic and you're a closed minded zealot. Too universalistic and you're open minded to everything but your own tribe. What is a modern day Jew to do?

This conundrum reaches back at least to the days of Moses Mendelsohn and probably back to Biblical days. Remember how Queen Esther had a Jewish name, Hadassah, to go along with her Persian one? I guess she was trying to figure out how to balance the universal with the particularistic, too.

If you haven't yet, I recommend you read Rabbi Danny Schiff's new book, *Judaism in a Digital Age*. In the book he identifies the current situation with Jewish connection in the non-Orthodox Jewish world. He posits that we have left the Modern period that began back in the 1500s and Guttenberg's printing press. For the last 150 years the Reform and Conservative movements have done a great job helping Jews connect with Judaism that balanced the particular with the universal. One could argue the amounts of each any given Jew engaged but your average Jew lived a very recognizable Jewish life informed by Jewish folkways and Torah. And that's how Jews figured out how to live in the Modern era.

Today, the Modern period is ending with the arrival of the digital era. It's not good. It's not bad. It just is. And with the arrival of the digital era, we need to re-examine our own balance of the universal and particularistic.

That brings us to J-JEP and our goals. This year we are changing up our curriculum to be more intentional about identifying Jewish wisdom and Jewish behaviors that influence us as we make the world a better place and make ourselves better people. We're not interested in living secular lives with but a soupçon of Jewishness. And we're not

interested in circling the wagons and staying apart from the world. We prefer to challenge our students, have them engage our heritage and see where it leads. We're digging into our siddur prayers to tease out the themes and then see if we can use those themes to offer our own prayers. And while we're at it, can we re-engage prayer as something useful, beyond recitation. Five different grades will each take a deep dive into one book of Torah. We'll look at history to figure out how we got here, to Pittsburgh. We'll look at the life cycle to understand the power and support our unique customs give us.

And we want to see if we can be counter-cultural and take our cues from our received wisdom and not whatever hot take pops up on our phone. The digital era swamps our children with universal information both true and false. Our 3000 year heritage holds a particular path to discernment.

If you are one of our families, come see if you can add to your repertoire of Jewish behavior. If you are not yet one of our families, give me a call. And if you know a family with J-JEP age children, encourage them to check us out.



## J-JEP Calender Sept. - Nov. 2023

**Sunday, September 10**

Kindergarten Class Breakfast

**Sunday, October 1**

J-JEP Sukkot Program

**Sunday, October 8**

J-JEP Simḥat Torah Program

**Sunday, October 15**

First Grade Class Breakfast

**Sunday, October 22**

Second Grade Class Breakfast

**Sunday, November 19**

Consecration & Parent Program

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### A Message from Our Derekh Coordinator

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With gardens in full bloom, travel and warm breezes, summer is a good time to slow down and reflect.



A great success this year has been the rollout of our Shabbat Shiur program, with over 500 people attending enrichment programs in the Shul on shabbats after Kiddush. In June, Shabbat Shiurim included Maggie Feinstein providing an update on the Tree of Life shooter trial and available community support services. The first part of the trial was completed shortly before Maggie spoke, and she educated us about the trial stages and answered questions about jury selection and sentencing. Shabbat Shiurim in June also featured Chris Hall discussing modern matrimonial Halacha and Ilanit Helfand leading Niggun Song Circle.

This summer, in addition to Shabbat Shiurim, we went on a colorful tour of Beth Shalom's stained glass windows led by Barbara Oleinik. Co-sponsored with the Squirrel Hill Historical Society, we learned about the history and symbolism behind the stained glass windows in our sanctuary and were able to share this knowledge with community members. June ended with an environmentally friendly potluck Kabbalat Shabbat in our ballroom. To reduce single use plastics, members were encouraged to BYOT (Bring Your Own Tableware). Compostable cutlery, plates and cups were provided if needed. Members brought a diverse and delicious selection of challah, wine, appetizers, salads, main courses and desserts.

In July, we continued our goal of reducing landfill with a potluck Hod VeHadar musical Kabbalat Shabbat led by Rabbi Adelson. On July 30th, we hosted a summer Sunday Afternoon at the Movies

with a screening of iMordechai followed by Q&A with the writer/director Marvin Samuel. In August, the Lubowsky family led a family friendly new game program on Sunday August 20th called "What's That Song?"

This fall will be packed with programming around the High Holidays, continued learning with our Rabbi's, and continued Shabbat Shiurim. There is always an opportunity to learn, grow and engage with Congregation Beth Shalom so please check our website [www.bethshalompgh.org](http://www.bethshalompgh.org) to see what is happening!

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## Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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With the autumn breeze whispering promises of new beginnings, we are thrilled to welcome the upcoming new year with boundless excitement and joy. As we prepare to embrace Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the heart of our synagogue is throbbing with anticipation, especially within our vibrant and energetic Youth Department.

Our Youth Department is the heartbeat of our synagogue, infusing life, energy, and enthusiasm into every corner. Led by a dynamic team of passionate youth leaders, this spirited group has become a family within a family. Our mission is to provide a nurturing space where our young community members can connect with their Jewish community in meaningful ways while forging lifelong bonds with fellow peers.

This new year brings with it a plethora of exciting adventures and engaging programs for our young congregants. Our youth leaders and advisors have put their creative minds to work, ensuring that each event is not only filled with fun but also deeply meaningful.

Beyond the fun events, our Youth Department seeks to create a supportive community where our young members can lean on each other and grow together. From informal gatherings to group discussions, we encourage open dialogue and a safe space for everyone to express themselves.

As we set foot into the new year, we invite all the youth of our synagogue to join us in this joyous journey. Let us celebrate our community together, embrace our traditions, and forge friendships that will last a lifetime. Our Youth Department is a place of laughter, learning, and love, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. As the famous Jewish

saying goes, "Youth is the trustee of prosperity." Let us cherish and empower our youth as they embark on this exciting path ahead.

Leshanah Tovah to one and all! May the new year be filled with blessings, growth, and an abundance of cherished memories.

Be on the lookout for our upcoming list of thrilling events.



### Upcoming Youth Department Events

#### **Sukkah Hop**

Tuesday, October 3 | 6pm

#### **CRUSY Waterpark Day at Kalahari**

Sunday, October 15 | All Day

#### **Teen Memorial Havdalah**

Saturday, November 4 | 7pm

#### **CRUSY and Gesher FALL Kinnus**

November 17-19

#### **Gesher USY & Chaverim**

Sunday, November 20



*Photo taken during last year's Sukkah Hop*



## BENEI MITZVAH

**Yigal Goodman's** parents are Noa Slemrod Goodman and Mark Asher Goodman. He is the sibling of Etta Goodman, and the grandchild of Marshall and Sonia Slemrod, and Marilyn Goodman, Jay Smith, James Goodman, and Jamie Diamond.

'Iggy', as he is known, is a voracious reader of sci-fi and fantasy books, especially Brandon Sanderson. He is fascinated with history, particularly of Europe and the Middle East. He loves strategy board games, role-playing games, and chess. He also enjoys playing soccer with the CDS Middle School team, and dancing. Above all else, he is incredibly kind and thoughtful of others. He spent the months of April and June volunteering with Days for Girls, a non-profit-organization that creates hygiene packs for women in developing nations. If you get the chance, you should ask him why there were no potatoes in the Garden of Eden. Iggy becomes a bar mitzvah on October 14, 2023.

**Bar Mitzvah: 10/14/2023**



**Idan Feinberg** is the son of Ayelet and Adam Feinberg, brother of Sivon Feinberg, and grandson of Dorit and Gilad Tal and Ed and Linda Feinberg.

Idan is in the 7th grade and attends Community Day School. He loves to swim on the Sailfish swim team and enjoys hiking and biking, playing tennis, piano, reading, and is an avid gamer. He also loves spending time with family and friends. Idan will celebrate becoming a bar mitzvah on November 4th, 2023.

**Bar Mitzvah: 11/4/2023**



**Leo Murtazashvili** is the son of Ilia and Jennifer Murtazashvili, big brother of Zoe, Eve, and Max Murtazashvili, and grandson of Geraldine and the late Stanley Cutler of Wilmington, NC and Milan Sasic and the late Milena Sasic of Milwaukee, WI.

Leo enjoys playing soccer and basketball and is an avid student of world affairs. An eighth grader at Community Day School, Leo will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on October 28, 2023 at Congregation Beth Shalom.



**Bar Mitzvah: 10/28/2023**

**Eitan Elhassid** is the son of Rebecca and Dror Elhassid and is the best older brother to his two younger sisters. He is the grandson of Dr. Audrey Corson and Daniel Kazzaz, of Bethesda, MD and Tsipora and Meir Elhassid of Rehovot, Israel.

He is active in his school's LGBTQ+ and racial justice initiatives. He is a skilled tennis player and skier with a passion for archeology, ancient history and modern anime. Eitan will celebrate his bar mitzvah with Congregation Beth Shalom on November 18, 2023.



**Bar Mitzvah: 11/18/2023**

## The Sisterhood Says

**Judy Kornblith Kobell**  
*Sisterhood President*  
 jayeko@msn.com



After a very warm summer, Beth Shalom Sisterhood invites all members to join for our opening meeting and Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm. It will be held at my house so please email or call for further information and to RSVP. (jayeko@msn.com or 412-725-5566) It is an opportunity to see old friends, make new ones and share your suggestions as we plan and organize upcoming events for 2023-2024.

Sisterhood continues to offer its active Book Club and weekly Latin Cardio classes led by Connie Pollack. Our Judaica Shop is now open every Friday morning from 10 am to noon. It is also available by appointment with me or Barbara Kaiserman. Please stop by to see our beautiful year-round and seasonal merchandise and competitive pricing. The proceeds from the Judaica Shop assist in supporting youth, educational and adult programs throughout Beth Shalom.

Sisterhood welcomes new members and new ideas as well as volunteers to help implement future programming.

All good wishes for a Shanah Tovah from my family to yours.

Judy Kornblith Kobell  
 Sisterhood President

## Sisterhood Schedule 2023 - 2024

### Potluck Supper

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

### Sisterhood Hanukkah Brunch

Sunday, December 17, 2023

### Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, March 2, 2024

## SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP



**OPEN FRIDAYS  
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

**FOR APPOINTMENTS, CALL  
 JUDY KOBELL AT 412-725-5566 OR  
 BARBARA KAISERMAN AT 412-596-3825**

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### The Men's Club

**Ira Frank**

*Men's Club President*

[natfabira@juno.com](mailto:natfabira@juno.com)



As I am writing this, on a day that is forecast to be over 90 degrees outside, it is hard to think of fall and winter events.

But we do have to plan our year of events far into the future. Sometimes they are based on Holidays and the dates are "pre picked" and sometimes we need to think about what will work in six to 10 months in the schedule of our membership.

We at Men's Club work every year to plan a year of interesting, meaningful, and time focused programs.

I am not going to list our entire year of programs, but wish to invite ALL members of Beth Shalom to work with us to Program for You!! We work very closely with Sisterhood to sponsor Holiday meals, Shabbat meals in the shul that bring various "interest" groups to the Table. Yes food does bind us and around a Shabbat meal, or Holiday party we talk about our selves but we also listen to others and see all of our common needs.

We want to hear from YOU! What would YOU want to see us program? Will you be able to work with us to make it happen? How can we get you involved?

We do have to thank ALL of our supporters and sponsors for their continued support! Without you we would not be able serve close to 500 at our sports lunch each year.

We would not be able to Work with the YOUTH department to sponsor so many of their events and programs.

We also would not be able to sponsor the annual come together events at Beth Shalom.



Please consider the purchase of a Sweepstakes ticket. \$50.00 per ticket. You can win each Friday and 16 times over Hanukkah! Only 250 tickets sold.

Thank you to everyone who sponsors our Yellow Candle program. Together we REMEMBER the Holocaust!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who quietly help us run our program! Thank you to the office and maintenance staff for getting the job done!

Happy and Healthy 5784!

### 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](mailto:natfabira@juno.com).



### Men's Club 2023 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](mailto:natfabira@juno.com).





# Planting the Seeds for Our Future...



**Join  
Beth Shalom's  
Legacy Circle  
TODAY!**



## Thank You to our Legacy Circle Members...

Moshe Baran  
Dr. Elaine H. Berkowitz  
Ari & May Chester  
Milton Eisner (z"l)  
Sarita Eisner  
Gloria Elbling-Gottlieb (z"l)  
Julian A. Elbling  
Jay Fingeret  
Deborah & Nathan Firestone  
Ira Frank  
Eva Friedman  
Gary Friedman  
Shiri & Josh Friedman

Robert Gleiberman  
Jessica Hammer & Chris Hall  
David S. Horvitz  
Gerald Kobell  
Elaine Krasik (z"l)  
Carl Krasik  
Gina Levine  
Jack & Bernice Meyers  
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Lisa Steindel  
Richard & Sharon Sweet  
Paul Teplitz  
Nancy & Gary Tuckfelt  
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*To discuss creating your Jewish legacy, please contact Rabbi Andy Shugerman at 412-421-2288 Ext. 317, or [rabiandy@bethshalompgh.org](mailto:rabiandy@bethshalompgh.org).*

## Beth Shalom Welcomes Its Newest Members\*

Lisa Silberman & David Smiga



*Logan Gants & Lilly Andorsky*

Lilly and Logan moved to Pittsburgh about a year and half ago from the DMV area. They are thrilled to be members and putting down roots in the Jewish community in Pittsburgh. Logan works in AI, while Lilly works in Human Resources. Mazal Tov to Lilly and Logan on their recent engagement.



*Angela (Ang) Hinchie & Levi Raymond Pettler*

Angela Hinchie and Levi Raymond Pettler married in 2023. Ang grew up in Mid-Missouri and studies telomere related disorders and expects to wrap up her Ph.D within the year. Levi grew up around Beth Shalom and has a Ph.D in American history.



*Photos taken at last year's New Member Brunch*



*\*As of July 2023*

# Rosh Hashanah Blessings

## Candle Lighting

This year the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat. We light candles eighteen minutes before sunset, and add words for Shabbat. On the second night, candles are lit after dark from an existing flame.

**Words for Shabbat are highlighted in gray.**

<b>Blessed</b> are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the <b>Shabbat and Yom Tov</b> light.	<b>Barukh</b> atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivvanu lehadlik ner shel <b>Shabbat veshel</b> yom tov.	ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של <b>שבת ושל</b> יום טוב:
<b>Blessed</b> are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season.	<b>Barukh</b> atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, shehehyanu vekiymanu vehiggiyanu la-zeman ha-zeh.	ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה:

## Blessing the Children

*For sons:*

<b>May</b> God make you like Ephraim and Menashe.	<b>Yesimkha</b> elohim ke-efrayim vekhimenasheh.	ישימך אלהים כאפרים וכמנשה:
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*For daughters:*

<b>May</b> God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.	<b>Yesimekh</b> elohim kesarah, rivkah, rahel, vele-ah.	ישימך אלהים כשרה רבקה רחל ולאה:
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*Recited for all:*

<b>May Adonai bless</b> 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.	<b>Yevarekhekha</b> Adonai veyishmerekha. Ya-eir Adonai panav elekha vihunnekka. Yissa Adonai panav elekha veyasem lekha shalom.	יברכך יי וישמרך: יאר יי פניו אליך ויחנך: ישא יי פניו אליך וישם לך שלום:
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## Kiddush for the Evening

<b>There</b> was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. The heavens and the earth, and all they contain, were completed. On the seventh day God finished the work, ceasing from all work on the seventh day. Then God blessed the seventh day, making it holy, because on it, God had ceased from all the work of creation.  (continued on next page)	<b>Vayhi</b> erev vayhi voker yom hashishi. Vaykhulu hashamayim voha'aretz vekhol tseva'am. Vaykhal Elohim bayom hashevi'i; melakhto asher asah, vayishbot bayom hashevi'i, mekol mela'khto asher asah. Vayvarekh Elohim et yom hashevi'i vaykadesh oto, ki vo shavat mikol melakhto, asher bara Elohim la'asot.  (continued on next page)	ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום הששי. ויכלו השמים והארץ וכל צבאם. ויכל אלהים ביום השביעי מלאכתו אשר עשה, וישבת ביום השביעי, מכל מלאכתו אשר עשה. ויברך אלהים את יום השביעי ויקדש אתו, כי בו שבת מכל מלאכתו, אשר ברא אלהים לעשות.  (continued on next page)
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## Kiddush for the Evening (continued)

**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, Sovereign 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 Shabbat and this Day of Remembrance a day for recalling the shofar sound with love, 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 Shabbat, 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 ha-gafen.

**Barukh** atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha'olam, asher bahar banu mikol am, veromemanu mikol lashon, vekiddeshanu bemitzvotav. Vatiten lanu Adonai Eloheinu, be-ahavah et yom hashabbat hazeh ve'et yom hazikaron hazeh, yom zikaron teru'ah be-ahavah mikrah kodesh, zekher litzi-at Mitzrayim. Ki vanu vaharta, ve-otanu kiddashta, mikol ha'amim, udvarkhah emet vekayam la'ad. Barukh atah, Adonai, Melekh al kol ha'aretz, mekadesh hashabbat veYisrael veyom hazikaron.

**Barukh** atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha'olam, shehehyanu vekiymanu vehiggiyanu lazeman hazeh.

סברי חברי:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי הגפן.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר בחר בנו מכל עם ורוממנו מכל לשון, וקדשנו במצותיו. ותתן לנו יי אלהינו באהבה את יום השבת הזה ואת יום הזכרון הזה, יום זכרון תרועה באהבה מקרא קדש זכר ליציאת מצרים. כי בנו בחרת ואותנו קדשת מכל העמים. ודברך אמת וקים לעד: ברוך אתה יי מלך על כל הארץ מקדש השבת וישראל ויום הזכרון.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקימנו והגיינו לזמן הזה:

## Kiddush for the Afternoon

Before the midday meal, we recite the following:

**The people Israel** shall observe the Shabbat to maintain it as an everlasting covenant throughout all generations. It is a sign between Me and the people Israel for all time that in six days Adonai made the heavens and the earth and on the seventh day ceased from work and rested.

**Therefore** Adonai blessed Shabbat and made it holy.

Veshameru venei Yisra'el et haShabbat, la'asot et haShabbat ledorotam berit olam. Beini uvein benei Yisra'el ot hi le'olam, ki sheshet yamim asah Adonai et hashamayim ve'et ha'aretz, uvayom hashevi'i shavat vayinafash.

**Al ken** berakh Adonai et haShabbat vaykaddeshehu.

ושמרו בני ישראל את השבת, לעשות את השבת לדורתם ברית עולם. ביני ובין בני ישראל אות היא לעולם, כי ששת ימים עשה יי את השמים ואת הארץ, וביום השביעי שבת וינפש.

על כן ברך יי את יום השבת ויקדשהו.

**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.

**Va-y'dabbeir** moshe et mo'adei Adonai el b'nei yisrael. **Tik'u** va-hodesh shofar ba-keseh l'yom haggeinu. Ki hok l'yisrael hu mishpat leilohei ya'akov.

**Savri** haverai:

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

וידבר משה את מועדי יי אל בני ישראל:

תקעו בחדש שופר בכסה ליום חגנו. כי חק לישראל הוא משפט לאלהי יעקב:

סברי חברי:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי הגפן:

## 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.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך  
העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו  
וצונו על נטילת ידים:

## Hamotzi (recited before eating bread)

**Blessed** are You, Adonai our God, Who brings bread from the earth.

**Barukh** atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam ha-motzi lehem min ha-aretz.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם  
המוציא לחם מן הארץ:

## Prayer for a Sweet Year

We recite the following over an apple dipped in honey. If you have already recited Hamotzi, do not say the first passage.

**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.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך  
העולם בורא פרי העץ:

**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-tehaddesh aleinu shanah tovah umetukah.

יהי רצון מלפניך יי אלהינו  
ואלהי אבותינו ואמותינו שתחדש  
עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה:

## 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). Place a small sum of money in an envelope and swing it over your head 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. **Please note: the use of a live chicken for this ritual constitutes cruelty to animals, a severe Torah prohibition. Please contact Rabbi Adelson for more info.**

**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** halifati, zeh temurati, zeh kapparati. Zeh hakesef yelekh litzedakah, va-ani elekh ve-ekkanes lehayyim tovim arukkim ulshalom.

זה חליפתי, זה תמורתי, זה כפרתי.  
זה הכסף ילך לצדקה, ואני אלך  
ואפנס לחיים טובים ארוכים ולשלום.

## Candle Lighting for Yom Kippur

Light candles before you go to Kol Nidrei services on Sunday evening.

**Blessed** are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments 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.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך  
העולם אשר קדשנו  
במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר  
של יום הכפורים:

**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, shehehyanu vekייyemanu vehiggiyanu la-zeman ha-zeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך  
העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו  
והגיענו לזמן הזה:



# Tashlikh

## Observed in 5784 on Rosh Hashanah Day 2 (Since Day 1 Falls on Shabbat)

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. Micah 7:18-20

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 ADONAI shall fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

ב

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. Isaiah 54:9-10

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

מִי־אֵל כְּמוֹךָ נִשְׂא עוֹן וְעִבֵּר עַל־פֶּשַׁע לְשָׂאֲרִית נַחֲלָתוֹ,  
לֹא הֶחֱזִיק לְעַד אָפוּ כִּי חָפֵץ חֶסֶד הוּא. יָשׁוּב יִרְחַמֵּנוּ  
יִכְבֹּשׁ עֲוֹנֵתֵינוּ וְתִשְׁלֹךְ בְּמַצָּלוֹת יָם כָּל־חַטָּאתָם. תִּתֵּן  
אֲמַת לִיעֶקֶב חֶסֶד לְאַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לְאַבּוֹתֵינוּ  
מִיָּמֵי קֶדֶם. מִיכָה ז יח-כ

The following may be added:

קִרְאתִי מִצָּרָה לִי אֶל־יְהוָה וַיַּעֲנֵנִי מִבֶּטֶן שְׂאוּל שׁוֹעֲתִי  
שִׁמְעַת קוֹלִי. וְתִשְׁלִיכֵנִי מִצּוֹלָה בְּלִבֵּב יָמִים וְנָהָר  
יִסְבְּבֵנִי כָל־מִשְׁבָּרֶיךָ וְגַלְיָךְ עָלַי עֲבְרוּ. וְאֲנִי אֲמַרְתִּי  
נִגְרַשְׁתִּי מִנְּגִיד עֵינַיִךְ אֵךְ אוֹסִיף לְהִבִּיט אֶל־הֵיכַל קִדְשֶׁךָ.  
אֲפֹפוּנִי מֵיִם עַד־נֶפֶשׁ תִּהְיוּ יִסְבְּבֵנִי סוֹף חֲבוּשׁ לְרַאשִׁי.  
לְקַצְבֵּי הָרִים יִרְדְּתִי הָאָרֶץ בְּרַחֲיָה בְּעַדִּי לְעוֹלָם וְתַעַל  
מִשְׁחַת חַיִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי. בְּהִתְעַטֵּף עָלַי נֶפְשִׁי אֶת־יְהוָה  
זָכַרְתִּי וְתִבּוֹא אֵלַי תְּפִלָּתִי אֶל־הֵיכַל קִדְשֶׁךָ. יוֹנָה ב ג-ח

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

א

לֹא־יִרְעוּ וְלֹא־יִשְׁחִיתוּ בְּכָל־הָרָקָדָשִׁי כִּי־מְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ  
דַּעַה אֶת־יְהוָה כָּמִים לַיָּם מְכַסִּים. יִשְׁעִיָה יא ט

ב

כִּי־מִי נָח זֹאת לִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מִעֲבֹר מִי־נָח עוֹד עַל־  
הָאָרֶץ כֵּן נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מִקֶּצֶף עָלֶיךָ וּמִגֶּעֶר־בָּךְ. כִּי הָהָרִים  
יִמּוּשׁוּ וְהַגְּבָעוֹת תִּמּוּטִינָה וְחִסְדִּי מֵאֲתָךְ לֹא־יִמּוּשׁ  
וּבְרִית שְׁלוֹמִי לֹא תִמּוּט אָמַר מְרַחֵמְךָ יְהוָה. יִשְׁעִיָה נד ט-י

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 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.

Tashlikh 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 5784

## EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15, 2023

Candle Lighting: 7:11 p.m.

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

## ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Saturday, September 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. .... Morning Service

7:00 p.m. .... *Minhah/Ma'ariv*

After 8:08 p.m. .... Candle Lighting from  
an existing flame

## ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. .... Morning Service

4:30 p.m. .... Meet in front of Beth  
Shalom to walk to  
Chatham Pond

5:00 p.m. .... *Tashlikh*: Casting away  
our sins at Chatham  
Pond. Rain or shine

7:10 p.m. .... *Minhah/Ma'ariv*

8:06 p.m. .... *Havdalah*

## EREV YOM KIPPUR, KOL NIDREI

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Candle Lighting: 6:56 p.m.

6:30 p.m. .... *Minhah*

6:50 p.m. .... *Kol Nidrei*

## YOM KIPPUR MORNING

Monday, September 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. .... Morning Service

Approx. 11:00 a.m. .. Yizkor

Approx. 2:30 p.m. .... Break/Avodah/Eilleh  
*Ezkerah with Rabbi  
Adelson*

3:00-4:30 p.m. .... Derekh Discussions

5:15 p.m. .... *Minhah*

6:40 p.m. .... *Ne'ilah*

7:40 p.m. .... *Ma'ariv*

7:53 p.m. .... *Shofar/Havdalah*

***All Holiday services can be accessed  
via ZOOM.***



# Community Selihot

## Saturday, September 9

**Congregation Beth Shalom**  
**5915 Beacon Street**

**6:30 p.m. - Minhah**

**7:00 p.m. - Dinner & Zemirot**

**8:00 p.m. - Ma'ariv/Havdalah**

**8:30 p.m. - Selihot Program**

**9:30 p.m. - Selihot Service**

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- Sunday, September 17, 2023
- Monday, September 25, 2023
- Sunday, October 1, 2023
- Sunday, October 8, 2023

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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 (*Selichot*) and confession (*Vidui*). It is customary to lean forward slightly and strike your heart while chanting the confessional 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 (*Selichot*) 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.





# FESTIVAL OF SUKKOT 5784/2023

## FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT 5784

Candle lighting 6:47 p.m.

Friday, September 29	Sukkot Evening Service followed by Congregational dinner in the Sukkah	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 30	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
	Sukkot / Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	<b>No Lulav &amp; Etrog on Shabbat!</b>	

## SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT

Candle lighting from existing flame after 7:46 p.m.

Saturday, September 30	Sukkot Evening Service	6:45 p.m.
Sunday, October 1	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
	Sukkot Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	<b>Bring your Lulav &amp; Etrog!</b>	
Sunday, October 1	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
	Havdalah at 7:43 p.m.	

## HOL HAMOED – INTERMEDIATE DAYS

Monday, October 2	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 3	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
	Sukkah Hop	6:00 p.m.
	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 4	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 5	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
	Pizza in the Hut	6:00 p.m.
	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
	Scotch in the Sukkah	7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 6	Morning Service - Hoshana Rabba	7:30 a.m.

## SHEMINI ATZERET

Candle lighting at 6:36 p.m.

Friday, October 6	<i>Shemini Atzeret</i> Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 7	Early Morning Service, with <i>Yizkor</i>	6:30 a.m.
	<i>Shemini Atzeret</i> Service, with <i>Yizkor</i> ( <i>Yizkor</i> at approximately 10:30 a.m.)	9:00 a.m.

## SIMHAT TORAH

Candle lighting from existing flame after 7:33 p.m.

Saturday, October 7	Evening Service	6:30 p.m.
	<b>Family celebration: <i>hakafot</i>, dancing, and singing with <i>Sifrei Torah</i> beginning at 7:30 p.m.</b>	
Sunday, October 8	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
	Simhat Torah Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	<b>Family <i>hakafot</i> – 10:00 a.m.</b>	
	Evening Service	6:45 p.m.
	Havdalah at 7:31 p.m.	

## A Note from Rabbi Stephen Steindel

It has been almost 15 years since I last wrote a column for the Beth Shalom MISHPACHTENU, so I appreciate this opportunity to thank you for the many touching and meaningful expressions made to Lisa, our family and myself at and since the Shabbat Naso observance of the 50th Anniversary of my Rabbinic Ordination by the Jewish Theological Seminary. So many of you asked for my translation of the lyrics with which I concluded my remarks, that I thank Rabbi Adelson for his permission to share them with you in this column.



AL HADVASH v'AL HA-OKETZ

AL HAMAR VE-HA-MATTOK

AL BITTENU HA-TI-NO-KET

SHMORE AY-LEE HA-TOV

AL KOL EYLEH, AL KOL EYLEH SHMORE NAH  
LEE AY-LEE HA-TOV,

AL HADVASH v'AL HA-OKETZ; AL HAMAR VE-  
HA-MATOK

For the honey and the stinger, for the bitter and the  
sweet

For all our darling babies, please G-d don't miss a  
beat.

Every bee that brings the honey, needs a sting to  
be complete,

And we all must learn to taste the bitter with the  
sweet.

Keep, O Lord, the fire burning, through the night  
and through the day,

For all of us here now, and those yet returning from  
far away.

Don't uproot all that's been planted, so our bounty  
may increase,

Let our dearest wish be granted, may Your mercy  
bring us peace.

(Here I explicated this great anthem by Israeli poet Naomi Shemer as I had in delivering my last sermon in 2009, with yet a further personal twist building on her great words and idioms)

Don't uproot what we have planted, Don't forget our  
hopes and dreams,

Sustain the little we've accomplished, guard the  
harvest safely in.

Let the fruit that's yet to ripen be a blessing to us all.

Guard for me, O Lord, my loved ones, all my friends  
keep safe and strong,

Guard the stillness, guard the weeping, and above  
all guard this song.

Save this house that we all live in, bless this shul  
and all who enter,

Guide our dreams and our desires, be with us LeDor  
vaDor,

For the sake of all our prayers, Lord, May Your mercy  
be complete,

Bless the sting and bless the honey, Bless the bitter  
and the sweet.

AL KOL EYLEH, AL KOL EYLEH....

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May 1, 2023 — July 31, 2023

### May 19, 2023

sponsored by **Sheldon and Susan Zytnick** in loving memory of Sheldon's mother, Ruth Zytnick.

### June 2, 2023

co-sponsored by the Steindel family & Congregation Beth Shalom in honor of Rabbi Stephen Steindel's 50th Anniversary of his ordination.

### June 9, 2023

sponsored by **Ilana Gritzewsky & Jonathan Friedman** in honor of their son Alex being called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah.

### June 16, 2023

sponsored by **Jack & Mimi Halpern** in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

### July 22, 2023

sponsored by **Lauren Schachter** in memory of Jonathan Schachter, husband, father, son, friend, and leader in the greater Pittsburgh and Jewish community.

### July 29, 2023

sponsored by Yona and David Saul in honor of the aufruf of their daughter Shira Rebecca Saul and Joseph Eilhu Schmulewitz, son of Cheryl and Aaron Schmulewitz of East Brunswick New Jersey.

## ***Nihum Avelim***

(Comforting Mourners)

May 1, 2023 — July 31, 2023

**Boaz Frankel (Brooke Barker)** on the passing of his father, Yitzchak Frankel.

**Paul Shapiro (Karen)** on the passing of his sister, Janet Stoller, on Friday, May 5, 2023.

**Charles & Louis Ehrenwerth, David & Judith Ehrenwerth and Lindsey Ehrenwerth Herman (Everett)** on the passing of father, son and brother, Justin R. Ehrenwerth, on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

**Frances (Gefsky) Rice** on the passing of her brother, Phillip Gefsky on Friday, May 12, 2023.

**Family & friends** of longtime member Ruth Weisberger on her passing on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

**Our members Kathryn (Ed) Friedman, Mara (Nick) Mangini** on the passing of their father and grandfather, Wilbur Hale Duncan on Wednesday, July 12.

**Friends and family** of our member Irwin Richman who passed away on Monday, July 17, 2023.

## Milestones – ***Mazal Tov!***

May 1, 2023 — July 31, 2023

**Our outstanding Beth Shalom Youth Department on receiving the following awards:**

- *USY Advisor of the Year* - Marissa Tait
- *Regional General Board Member of the Year* - Hannah Adelson
- *Strongest year-long commitment to Social Action*
- *Jewish Education Award* - 7th year for Jews for Justice
- *Shabbat Experience Award* - Teen Led Kabbalat Service, Dinner & Discussion

**Linda & Marty Supowitz** on the birth of their grandchild, Ariella Eva Niles (Gittel Chava), on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

**Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman** on the release of his book, *Life Lessons from Recently Dead Rabbis: Hassidut for the People*, on Tuesday, May 9.

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**Lois & Alan Kopolow** announced the May 13, 2023 marriage of their daughter Andrea Jill Kopolow to Noah Asher Cassis. Noah is the son of the late Marilyn and Gilles Cassis. The couple reside in Philadelphia.

**Erza Dubowitz and Jonah Rosenberg** for receiving the 2023 Nathan H. Kaufmann Scholastic Award from the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, Western Pennsylvania Division on Sunday, May 21, 2023.

**Larry & Adrienne Savitz** on the wedding of their daughter, Jessica Savitz to Derek Grossman on Sunday, May 28, 2023.

**Beth Shalom Youth (& parents)** who participated in the CDS production of "Into the Woods Jr." March 29, 31 & April 1. The cast included Alia Arnold, Talia Block, Gavri Gilboa, Yigal Goodman, Shoshana Graver, Nava Kass, Sarah Lieber, Yoav Shemesh, Emma Stavchansky, Talia Stavchansky, and Elisheva Yogman. The crew included Beverly Block, Talia Block, Lital Friedman, Debi Gilboa, Noam Gilboa, Benjamin Harris, Zoe Murtazashvili, Lily Neiman, Rachael Stavchansky and Sasha Svoboda.

The **CDS 8th Graders** who graduated on Friday, May 19.

The **ELC PreK Class of 2023** who graduated on Thursday, June 9.

**Ilana Gritzewsky & Jonathan Friedman** on their son Alex becoming a bar mitzvah on June 10, 2023.

**Shari Woldenberg & Mark Frisch** on their marriage ceremony on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

**All 2023 graduates** who graduated from PreK, middle school, high school and college.

**Josh Resnick** for becoming the president of "The Branch".

**Cheryl Blumenfeld and Harold Blumenfeld (& Sheryl Riddle)** on the marriage of their daughter, Morgan, to Ryan Vibbert.

**Rhonda Horvitz, and Teddi & David Horvitz** on the engagement of their daughter, Shana Horvitz, to Joel Hainsfurther, son of Julie and the late Bruce Hainsfurther of Highland Park, Illinois.

**To all the new USY officers.**

**Lorraine & Rabbi Aaron Mackler** on the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Yaelle Goldschlag of Silver Spring, MD.

**Alex Kiderman** for receiving Ma'asim Tovim honor, and **Robbie Zaremborg** for receiving the Club Man of the Year Award at the Federation of Jewish Men's Club Tri-State Region Tribute brunch on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

**Beth Shalom Men's Club** for receiving the Silver Torch Award for Community Outreach from the Federation of Jewish Men's Club.

**Laurie & Harry Zionts** on the birth of their granddaughter, Emmy Ariana Rubin, on July 15, 2023. Parents are Kayla Zionts and Andrew Rubin, and big brother, Noah Jude.

## Virtual Third Meal Sponsors

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### June 2, 2023

sponsored by **Paul Teplitz** in loving memory of his mother, Iris Teplitz, so close to her yahrzeit.

### June 9, 2023

sponsored by **Shari Woldenberg & Mark Frisch** in honor of their aufruf.

### June 16, 2023

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in memory of Gil's maternal grandfather Abraham Meltzer.

### June 23, 2023

sponsored by **Mindy Shreve, Bobby, Danny, and Bella Bress** in memory of beloved mother and grandmother Jan Bress.



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### **Operations Endowment**

Providing long-term support for synagogue operations

### **Rabbi Adelson Discretionary Fund**

Supporting Rabbi Adelson's Philanthropic Ideals

### **Mildred & Isadore Berkowitz Memorial Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Beth Shalom Judaic Museum Fund**

Providing funds for Judaic Museum purchases

### **Bregman Minyan Endowment**

Supporting morning minyan social activities

### **Cemetery Endowment**

Providing cemetery maintenance

### **Etz Chaim Chumashim Fund**

Purchasing of Chumashim

### **Andrew & Minnie Cohen Operations Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Reuben A. & Selma W. Cohen Youth Endowment**

Supporting Youth Department activities

### **Harry & Jean Davis Operations Endowment**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Max Elinoff Youth Scholarship Fund**

Supporting Beth Shalom youth welfare

### **J. Leonard Frank Early Morning Minyan Endowment**

Supporting Shabbat and Yom Tov services

### **Goldberg Endowment Fund**

Financing Shabbat & family programs for Religious School (J-JEP)

### **Lynda Herer Goldsmith Camp Ramah Fund**

Funding scholarships for youth members in need

### **Lillian & Leo Gross Sisterhood Keshet Fund**

Underwriting Keshet annual cost

### **Bernard & Ethel Halpern Young Leadership Award**

Paying the expenses associated with the Halpern Young Leadership award

### **Lillian Halpern JTS Weekend Lectureship Endowment**

Bringing Seminary students to Beth Shalom for shabbat weekend

### **Morris Henderson Yahrzeit 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

### **Mark Lasser Memorial Scholarship Fund**

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

### **Darrell H. Lazarus Hear O Israel Fund**

Providing hearing devices for those who are hearing impaired

### **Arnold H. Lazarus & Belle G. Lazarus Endowment**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Arnold H. Lazarus & Belle G. Lazarus Annual Remembrance Fund**

Providing funding for annual kiddush honoring Belle and Arnold Lazarus

### **Bessie & Aaron Maharam Education Endowment**

Providing books and other educational materials for preschool

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### **Ma'ot Hittin Donation Fund**

Supporting people in need during passover

### **Max Elinoff Fund**

Hebrew School Technology Fund

### **Mazerov Scholarship Endowment**

Providing scholarship support for children of  
Beth Shalom members

### **Moscov Scholarship Fund**

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

### **Preschool Enrichment Fund**

Supporting preschool programming

### **Philanthropic Fund**

Supporting charitable causes as defined by the  
Philanthropic Committee

### **Prayer Book Fund**

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

### **Preschool Scholarship Fund**

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

### **Lynne Robins Memorial Scholarship Endowment**

Providing First-time Israel travel support for  
young female members

### **Rose K. & Harry Rosen Confirmation Class Endowment**

Financing education programs and activities

### **Thomas Mordechai and Simcha Rosenstein Memorial Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Dolores Rubin Prayerbook Fund**

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

### **Schiffman Music Fund**

Supporting music programming

### **Arlene Shapiro Memorial Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Samuel T. & Jeannette B. Shear Youth Lounge Endowment**

Establishing and maintaining youth lounge

### **Sisterhood Flower Fund**

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

### **Sisterhood Torah Cover Endowment**

Purchasing of Torah Cover in honor of every  
Congregation President

### **Sigel-Mandel-Cohen Scholar in Residence Shulabration Endowment**

Supporting Scholar-in-Residence Program

### **Albert & Anita Smolover Scholarship Fund**

Supporting Preschool operations

### **Pearl & William Stark Humanities Library Fund**

Establishing and maintaining the  
Starks Humanities Library

### **Harry Steck Primary Enrichment Endowment Fund**

Providing books and other educational materials for  
Religious School Enrichment

### **Taube Endowment Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Early Childhood TEACH Fund**

Supporting Professional Development of our  
Preschool Staff

### **Wagner-Klein Preschool Playground Fund**

Maintaining and replacing Preschool playground  
equipment

### **Alvin and Shirley Weinberg Preschool Scholarship Fund**

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

### **Youth Fund**

Supporting youth programming

### **Zukerman Sukkot Endowment**

Providing Sukkot decorations and kiddushes and  
Sukkah construction/repair

### **Zweig Library Fund**

Establishing and maintaining the Zweig Library

### **Samuel & Mollie Zytnick Endowment**

Supports synagogue operations

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