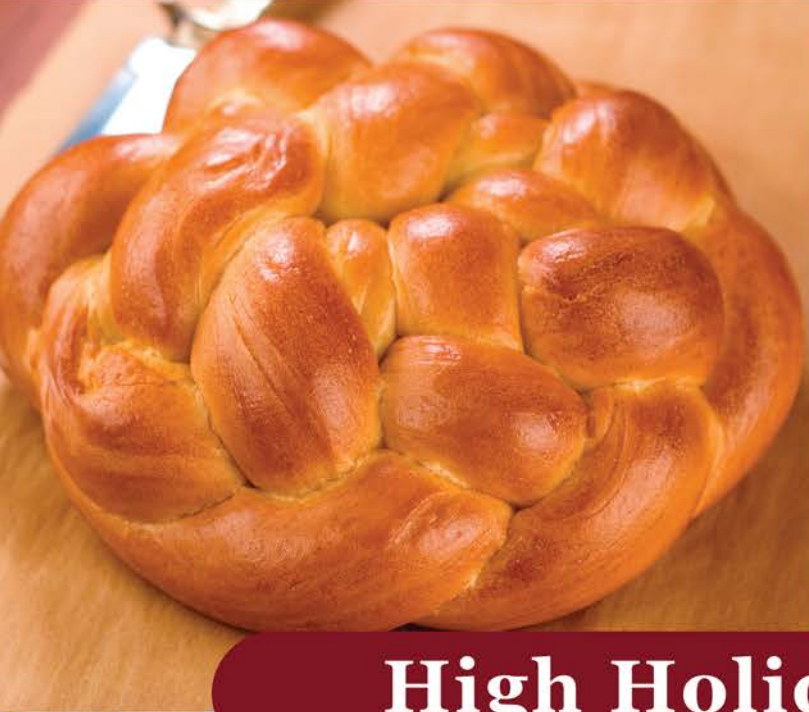
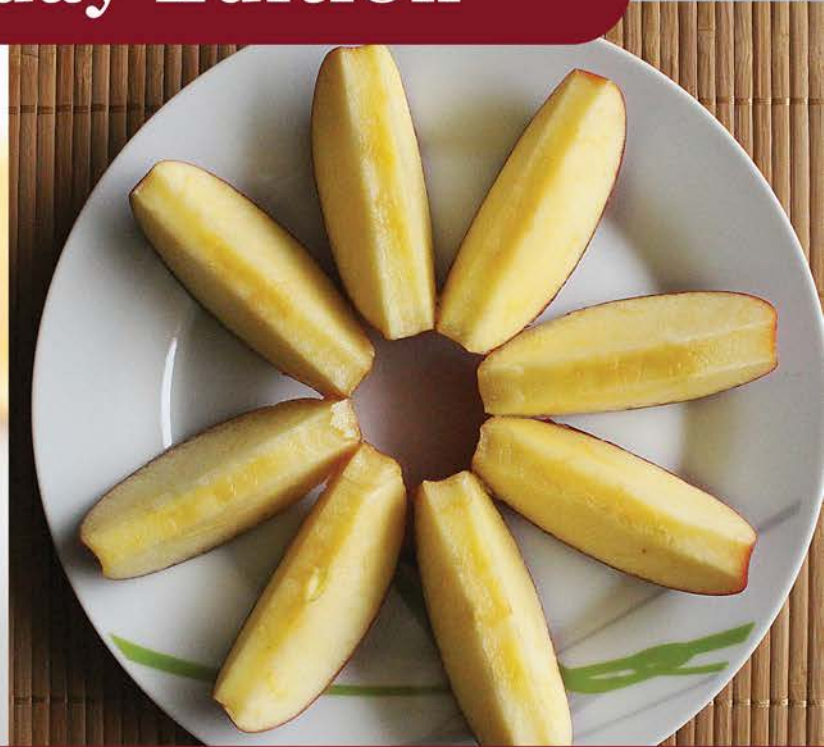


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High Holidays 5785: Centering Judaism

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The events of the past year have been, for many of us, a wake-up call. While antisemitism is the world's oldest form of hatred, it seemed to have been largely submerged for at least a few decades, and its sudden prominence on our university campuses and city streets is deeply disturbing. The State of Israel, an established fact for 76 years, suffered deep wounds to its body politic around judicial reform, and then was the bloody scene of a massive pogrom, the worst since World War II. The physical and emotional damage left in the wake of these phenomena, both in Israel and throughout the Jewish world, has been at times overwhelming.

The holidays of Tishrei, from Rosh Hashanah all the way through Simḥat Torah, come this year with more baggage than usual. While many of us anticipate the holidays as a time of gathering, of remembering God and prayer as well as praying for God to remember us, 5785 will feature a new layer of meaning, one marked by all of the pain and turmoil of 5784.

As always, it will be an opportunity to cleanse and to be renewed, and perhaps to bring a wee bit of closure to a year for which no amount of mourning will be sufficient.

But as I have continually reminded us all over the past year, and throughout my career as a rabbi, our tradition brings real value to our lives: in times of joy, in times of grief, through the quiet moments and the noisy ones, through the dull and exciting parts of our days. We have a framework that has stood the test of time, and has proven over and over again to be valuable and healthy and beneficial to us as individuals and as a people.

And so now, more than ever, is a time to make Judaism, Jewish practice, Jewish life, Jewish text, and Jewish peoplehood a focal point; in current parlance, to center Judaism. We have so many pursuits that it is often easy to forget the one at our fingertips which brings us the full palette of benefits which Judaism offers. Now is the time to center Jewish living, to take advantage of all the ways our inherited tradition makes our lives better.

Over these holidays, I will explore the theme of “Centering Judaism” by focusing on the joy found in Jewish living, the value of Conservative Judaism as the ideological center of Jewish life in America, the significance of Israel as the center of the Jewish world, and the supreme importance of being in the center, of moderation in all things, as prescribed by Dr. Moses Maimonides. Join us as we seek to place Judaism once again in the center of our lives.



OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our President

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The last vestiges of summer are upon us as we approach the High Holidays. We transition from the (sometimes) carefree days of summer to the season of introspection, renewal and recommitment. It is both a time to reflect on the journey that brings us to this point and a time to determine what we might continue and what we want to change going forward.

We are currently assessing our journey as a congregation to see how we can implement new ideas to create positive changes. Our building re-envisioning task force is working hard to determine how best to adapt our building to the twenty-first century. The budget committee is creating a financial roadmap for the next several years for the synagogue as a whole and for the Early Learning Center. Finally, after overcoming some initial difficulties, work on the roof has begun in earnest and should be completed by the end of October.

I would like to thank our tremendous group of professionals who do everything to ensure that we have a safe, secure, and welcoming spiritual home as we gather for community, meaningful prayer, and reflection over the High Holidays.

I would also like to thank the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, our volunteers, and our entire professional team for everything they do throughout the year. We have so many bright, compassionate, and energetic lay leaders and professionals who work together to move our shul forward.

This High Holiday season is also time to connect with our Beth Shalom community. As you enter the new year, I hope that everyone will commit to become active participants at our spiritual home by

volunteering your valuable time, attending services, or just being there for a fellow congregant.

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

Gemar Hatimah Tovah,
Paul M. Teplitz

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A Message from our Executive Director

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As I prepare for my 4th High Holiday season at Congregation Beth Shalom, I cannot help but think about how fortunate we are at the deep bench of amazing, committed talent we have. I am not aware of any other congregation that has the resources we have to lead our congregation in everything we do.

For my article, in this year's High Holiday issue of our Mishpachtenu, I want to highlight the volunteers that take on the most attended in person gatherings we do as a congregation, our Religious Services. Under the leadership and guidance of our rabbis and the Religious Services Committee, we can do some amazing things.

Most of this coordination is run through our Religious Services Committee, which is chaired by our Religious Services chairperson, Sheldon Catz. Sheldon is one of our many amazing volunteers that completely devotes himself to the work for which he and his committee are responsible.

The Religious Services Committee, which usually meets monthly, takes on the insurmountable task of making sure everything during our prayer services is covered. Even though the committee oversees all religious services that take place each week, their primary focus is coordinating Shabbat and Holiday services.

The preparation of our weekly Shabbat services does not just happen in a vacuum. There are many elements that need to come together to ensure a smooth operation. Along with the amazing leadership and teachings of our Rabbis, Seth Adelson and Mark Goodman, our Religious Services Coordinators, too many to mention by name, take on the remainder of the scheduling. The coordination includes volunteer leaders and participants that do the following, guest Divrei Torah, Shoharit service leader, Torah service leader, Torah readers, Haftarah reader, and Musaf leader.

It takes a village to not only coordinate who is participating in each service and when they will do so, but if someone does not show up who takes their place.

Not only does the beforehand coordination and assignments take place, but there is lots of work the day of for those services. Many thanks to our Floor Gabbai, Ira Frank, who in addition to assigning all the morning Aliyot greets our congregants and guests as they arrive in the sanctuary. Also, thank you to our many other volunteers that include Bimah Managers, who make sure everything runs smoothly. The Bimah Managers make sure that each person not only knows what to do but when to do it. They also reassure and continually remind them of what is happening and how to take care of it, so they feel comfortable.

We also have weekday daily minyans two times per day, morning, and evening. There is a dedicated corps of individuals that are there almost every day and night making sure everyone is coordinated to lead those services and to ensure there are enough people to make a minyan. I want to acknowledge our two most ardent minyan attendees, Ira Frank, and Mindy Shreve. Many thanks to you both. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

Lastly, the Religious Services Committee has the unenviable task of assigning all parts of the services of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Letters are sent out to all those invited to take an honor. The committee does its best to make sure that everyone gets an opportunity on a rolling yearly basis. Each year we assign honors to our Officers and Trustees, Committee Chairs, Dedicated Volunteers, Past Presidents, and our most talented service liturgical leaders. We also, on a yearly rotating basis, reach out to our membership in alphabetical order so that we can eventually assign honors to all members to take part in ark openings and closings, English readings, and many other parts of the service.

I want to personally thank Sheldon for his many years of past and continued dedicated service working with the Religious Services Committee.

May each one of you be inscribed in the book of life.

My wife Lynn and I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and inspired holiday season.

OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our Associate Rabbi

Everything everywhere all at once, as a rabbi

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A bris. A benei mitzvah meeting. A conversion meeting. A discussion about the tot shabbat service. Conversing with a student-rabbi-to-be.

Kiddush. A phone call with a potential convert. Learning hassidut with a class. Reading a list of ill individuals for the misheberach list. Writing a sermon. Helping someone find the bathroom on Shabbat. Stacking chairs.

Visiting a friend and congregant who is healing from a surgery. Making photocopies. Saying goodbye to a congregant who is moving to Arizona. Meeting with a family that is moving here from Houston. Helping put out more bagels at kiddush. Rolling the Torah. Teaching a Talmud class.

Leading davening. Leading davening. Singing silly songs with the pre-schoolers. Leading davening. Moving another table into the ballroom.

Leading kaddish. Flipping burgers at a shul barbeque. Helping Michael with a matzevah - a headstone inscription. Teaching medieval commentaries on the weekly parsha. Chanting El Malei Rachamim.

Maybe most of you know what the rabbis at Beth Shalom do. Maybe you don't. This is a description of a typical week. It is, as you might notice, kind of all over the place. From the very mundane to the entirely sacred. From highly complex and specialized to something that literally anyone can do. From birth to death and everything in between.

All the elements inform one another. Everything is necessary, but not always. Somebody else could do it. Nobody else could do it.

It's fascinating to be a part of. Sometimes I'm not as fully present as I'd like to be - I always feel sad to see someone say kaddish for a parent and know that I never met their mom and I could understand what they were going through more if I had. Sometimes I'm more present than I'd like to be - getting frustrated or angered or annoyed by something that I really should be able to sit with in calmness. But that's the deal: it's getting knocked over a little and rebalancing. It's straightening up what became cluttered and cluttering up what seems too neat.

It's a lot like life. Not every moment is ideal, but on the whole, if you're doing it right, it's pretty great.

A vertical graphic with a dark background and white text. At the top, a white cloud contains the text "YOUTH TEFILLAH AT BETH SHALOM". Below this, the words "LEVEL UP" are written in large, bold, white letters. "LEVEL" is on the top line, and "UP" is on the line below it. Two white arrows point upwards from the bottom of "UP" towards the word "SHABBAT". The word "SHABBAT" is in large, bold, white letters. Below "SHABBAT", the word "RETURNS" is written in a smaller, bold, white font. Underneath "RETURNS", the text "Saturday, September 14, 2024" and "11:00 am - 12:00 pm" is displayed in white. At the bottom, a white starburst shape contains the text "2nd & 4th Saturdays Each Month". Below the starburst, the text "BETH SHALOM'S NEW JUNIOR CONGREGATION PLUS LED BY HAZZAN BARBARA BARNETT" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters.

A Message from our Development Director

Start with Why: Our Sense of Mission for Beth Shalom

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Some of you readers of Mishpachtenu might recall that my last two columns in this space reported on the conference workshop I led in December with Rabbi Adelson and the interim rabbi for Beth Shalom who preceded him, Rabbi Amy Levin. The title we gave to that session, as well as to my previous column here, was “Development Isn’t Just Fundraising!” That is true, and we got wonderful feedback about our presentation, but it is also true – as at least one workshop participant in Baltimore and then a few Beth Shalom members remarked – that development work is at least partly about fundraising.

More recently, in May I re-visited those ideas with President Paul Teplitz and Vice President of Finance Roger Zimmerman, who serve as co-chairs for our newly-reconstituted Development Committee. We worked together to draft a charter for our Committee members to understand our vision for how we would use this new structure to advance Beth Shalom as an institution. Below is the first paragraph of that charter document:

“Development” means more than just fundraising: it involves growing relationships within Beth Shalom to deepen the collective investment of our stakeholders’ resources into the mission, vision and programs here. As our Mission Statement explains: “Rooted in traditional values, we open our doors and hearts to all, in good times and through hardship. Through daily religious services, holiday celebrations, Torah study, education for members of all ages, and lifecycle events, we strive to grow and enrich our lives as Jews in today’s world.”

Our charter opens with that explanation in large part because how we develop financial resources for Beth Shalom, and to what ends, depends so much

on WHY we care about this synagogue and the larger community it represents. Our mission statement, especially when read along with the seven bullet points of our vision statement (both appear on the “About Beth Shalom” page of our website), articulates a sense of purpose that we strive to fulfill by doing all that we do to make a difference in the world as a congregation.

To that end, among the first projects of the new Development Committee is a multipronged effort to uncover all of the ways our members help make possible everything that happens at Beth Shalom. The process of collecting that information demonstrated to me once again how varied the ways our stakeholders feel connected to Beth Shalom truly are. Perhaps even more importantly this project reminded me of how easy it can be to take certain things for granted, so we have begun to undertake a number of outreach activities to thank our members in various ways for the myriad kinds of contributions they make to Beth Shalom so it can live up to its stated mission and vision.

As the new school year begins and the end of 5784 approaches, I am grateful for all that we have accomplished since the last High Holy Days and hopeful for how we will continue to make even more progress in growing as an institution through the months ahead. Leshanah Tovah!

**WELCOME
 NEW MEMBERS!**

**New Members
 Welcome Ceremony
 & Brunch
 Sunday, November 3
 10:00 a.m.**

OUR LEADERSHIP

Growing Through the ELC

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Hello congregants!



Beth Shalom ELC wrapped up a fun summer exploring different themes, talking about the Olympics, and spending lots of time outside! The older children also had an exciting visit from the University of Pittsburgh's Women's Volleyball Team, where they watched and participated in different skills and drills. I think we have some future athletes in our center!

We are looking forward to the 2024-2025 school year and welcoming new families into our school community. We plan to have 8 classrooms open, and we invite all interested families to join us by calling the ELC office at 412-421-8857. We offer rolling admission, so it is always a good time to call and learn about the ELC!

This summer we were excited to purchase the latest edition of the Creative Curriculum for our educators. Read below to learn more about our infants, toddlers, and twos curriculum.

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In addition to daily routines, The Creative Curriculum® will support your child's caregiver or teacher every day as they engage your child in meaningful experiences, such as playing with toys, enjoying books and stories, creating art, and going outdoors. It will help your child's teacher observe what your child does and select materials that match your child's growing abilities and interests.

We look forward to continuing to build a strong partnership with you as the year continues. We're sure that with the help of The Creative Curriculum®, this is going to be a great year!"

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 Debby (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.

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. 2024

Monday, September 2

Labor Day - ELC Closed

Wednesday, October 2

Erev Rosh Hashanah - ELC closes at 1 pm

Thursday, October 3 & Friday, October 4

Rosh Hashanah - ELC Closed

Friday, October 11

Erev Yom Kippur - ELC closes at 1 pm

Wednesday, October 16

Erev Sukkot - ELC closes at 3 pm

Thursday, October 17 & Friday, October 18

Sukkot - ELC closed

Wednesday, October 23

Erev Shemini Atzeret - ELC closes at 3 pm

Thursday, October 24 & Friday, October 25

Shemini Atzeret & Simhat Torah - ELC closed

Monday, November 11

Veterans Day - ELC Closed

Wednesday, November 27

Day before Thanksgiving - ELC closes at 3 pm

Thu., November 28 & Fri., November 29

Thanksgiving Break - ELC Closed



Learning with J-JEP

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The big question going around educator circles is, “how do we teach Israel to young students?” We can’t keep teaching Israel like a Jewish Disneyland. It’s a country and countries have issues so it’s not good to give an overly rosy picture of a place without a care in the world. On the other hand, we can’t start teaching Israel to elementary students with geopolitics. Oftentimes Israel education materials would include geography: Haifa in the north, Eilat in the south. Or maybe it would help the children understand history in the broadest sense: Jerusalem is a very old city holy to three religions; Tel Aviv is a new city founded by Jewish pioneers!

What’s missing in many of these approaches is a sense of why we should care. That may be a shock to many of you. You’re thinking the idea of why Jews should care about Israel is so obvious that it is self-evident. But is it? Take a moment and say out loud three sentences that explain why a Jew should love the State of Israel. Not the government, mind you, but the existence of the modern State. And if you use, “Because God gave it to us,” I need two more non-theological reasons. Go ahead. Three sentences that you have to say out loud.

How did that go? Was it easy to articulate reasons? Did it have you scratching your head?

Some of you reading this have a deep sense of love of Israel that comes to you naturally. You might not even know why you feel that way. Or perhaps you had an experience on a visit that made it all seem clear. But young students are young without much life experience. I would venture to guess that none of them have grandparents, or even great-grandparents who shared stories of anti-Semitism from the old country. Few of them have relatives who can describe the change Jews felt after 1948. My professor Leon Jick said Israel for Jews was “a return to history.” What young Jew in America feels left out of history, made to feel like the other? I mean until very recently.

No, it’s not easy to articulate reasons.

I asked Rabbi Leon Morris about this and he suggested we teach Israel like family. Israel (being mindful of the 20% non-Jewish minority) is family. It’s important to us because so many of our family live there and because that land has been our home or perhaps second home for a very long time. We have family who live up north in Haifa and Karmiel. We have family who live down south in Eilat. We have family who live in new cities and ancient cities. We care very much about our family and we want them to be safe.

Now, I don’t know about you but not all members of my family make the best choices all the time. It’s okay to speak honestly with those family members. And sometimes family members get in fights with neighbors. We can support our family even if we don’t agree with everything. Family means care and love and consideration and appreciation and patience. Family doesn’t mean we have no opinions.

I hope that helps. I’ll be working with our teachers to further develop this idea of family so we can help our students understand why we have this connection.

If you have any other suggestions, send ‘em to me at RabbiLF@JJEP.org.

J-JEP Calendar Sept. - Nov. 2024

Sunday, September 15

Kindergarten Class Breakfast

Sunday, September 22

First Grade Class Breakfast

Sunday, September 29

Second Grade Class Breakfast

Wednesday, October 16

J-JEP Festival Dinner & Sukkot Service

Friday, November 1

J-JEP Shabbat with Eliana Light

Saturday, November 2

Eliana Light concert

Sunday, November 17

Consecration & Parent Program

OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our Derekh Coordinator

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Summer has been quiet while we enjoy the warm weather and start planning for fall. To celebrate the end of summer, on August 23rd, we will host an outdoor Hod VeHadar musical service at Frick Park with potluck dinner. That same weekend, On August 24, Maddie Herrup will present a Shabbat Shiur about a Hillel Professional's experience on Campus since October 7th. We will also celebrate Maddie at kiddush that day and wish her well as she prepares to leave for JTS to study and become a Rabbi.



This fall begins with our Quarterly Blood Drive on September 8th. On September 21, we will celebrate NAAMAT Shabbat and then present a special afternoon with Roots/Shorashim, led by Rabbi Hannan Schlesinger. Shorashim is a non-profit based in the West Bank which aims to promote dialogue and eventual trust between Israelis and Palestinians. The High Holidays will take on profound meaning this year as we host services and learning for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah, and commemorate the tragedies of 10/7 and the 10.27 shooting.

In November, we will be lifted up with Eliana Light joining us on November 2nd for a sermon and Shabbat Shiur about her philosophy of Tefillah and singing from the soul. Then, the event I started working on last spring and have continued working on all summer, Beth Shalom will host it's first ever Pittsburgh Jewish Book Festival, 11/10-11/13. We joined the Jewish Book Council and selected Headliners from the 200+ authors they sent us, most significantly Ilan Ivyyatar who co-wrote *Target Tehran* with Yonah Jeremy Bob, and Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, who will soon release a new book, *For Such a Time*

as *This*, and Michael Solomon and Steve Cook co-authors of *Zahav Home*. We will also be joined by over one dozen local authors for our Local Author Bookshelf, and Amazing Books will host a Judaica Book Sale in our Lobby. This Pittsburgh Jewish Book Festival is an important opportunity for us to support Jewish authors and books at this divisive time and engage in meaningful conversations. Special thank you to our Presenting Partners; Carolyn Slayton and Seth Glick, who's Leadership Gift made this Jewish Book Festival possible, and Toby Tabachnik and the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle, who's reach will help us create a community event. Please look for our complete Program Book in September!



Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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With summer behind us, it's time to dive back into our youth programs at Beth Shalom. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer, whether at camp, traveling, or relaxing with family and friends.

The High Holidays are almost here, and we couldn't be more excited. They offer a great chance for us to come together, reflect on the past year, and set our goals for the year ahead. This time of year, is perfect for reconnecting with our community, rejuvenating our spirits, and starting fresh.

As we transition into a new year, we think about what we want to achieve and how we can grow. For our youth department, this is a time to build on the lessons and experiences from last year and set new goals and aspirations. It's about creating an environment where our youth continue to explore their Judaism, develop their identities, and strengthen their bonds with each other and us.

The themes of the High Holidays, such as renewal and introspection, resonate strongly as we start anew. They remind us of the importance of taking stock of where we are and where we want to go. This mindset is not only for our personal lives but also for our communal and spiritual journeys.

Your participation and enthusiasm are key to helping them feel connected and engaged. Whether it's through volunteering, attending holiday or family events, or simply sharing our flyers, your involvement makes a huge difference. We value your role in our community, and your support is integral to our success.

I'm looking forward to seeing all our members back, ready to learn, grow, and celebrate together. Let's make this a great year filled with meaningful experiences and strong connections.

Leshanah Tovah,
Marissa



New Board (from left to right): Talia Dubowitz, Daphne Macedonia, Lily Feinman, Aviv Diamant, Niv Friedman, and Zev Adelson



Photos taken during the Youth Car Wash on June 2, 2024.

Top left photo: Samson Mistler; Right photo: Zev Adelson



BENEI MITZVAH

Rosie Marcus—the daughter of Lisa and Jonathan Marcus, younger sister of Leo Marcus, and granddaughter of Marsha and Bernard Marcus, and Susie and Daniel Zeidner—will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on September 14, 2024.



Now in seventh grade, Rosie has attended Community Day School since pre-kindergarten. She enjoys playing sports, hanging out at the pool or lake, cuddling with her dog (Winnie), and quietly excelling in school.

Bat Mitzvah: 9/14/2024

Alia Neivert, daughter of Edna Neivert and David LaRose, will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 9, 2024. Alia is the granddaughter of Arlene Neivert and the late Elton Neivert, and Barbara and Albert LaRose.



Alia attends Community Day School and her hobbies include performing magic tricks and playing Dungeons & Dragons and Roblox. Alia's Mitzvah project is using her magic skills to support and promote The Friendship Circle.

Bat Mitzvah: 11/9/2024

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 Ashley Burse, Rabbi's Assistant, at aburse@bethshalompgh.org



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After a very hot and quiet summer, Sisterhood is ready to begin with our Fall opening meeting. Please join us for our annual Potluck Supper. It will be on September 18, 6:30 P.M. at my house and all are welcome to attend and bring a dairy or parve side dish or dessert. I will provide lasagna for the main course. For further information and to RSVP email or call me at jayekob18@gmail.com or 412-725-5566. I look forward to seeing many old friends and making new ones. We will have a very short business meeting and an opportunity to share ideas and suggestions.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood continues to offer fun, active Latin Cardio classes with Connie Pollack as well as an active Book Club. Our Judaica Shop has new and exciting merchandise and is happy to have shoppers and make appointments.

Sisterhood is fortunate to have many volunteers and particularly want to thank Shelli Glanz. She has been serving as Assistant Treasurer for years and is retiring from that position. We welcome Patricia Weiss, who has taken on that role.

We are, once again, coordinating with Men's Club, to support Friday night dinners, Mishloach Manot, Latkepalooza, Purim Carnival, and Blood Drive. Also, Sisterhood and Men's Club support congregation concerts, speakers, and events as well as other youth activities.

I look forward to seeing you at my house on September 18. All good wishes from me and my family for 5785.

Judy Kornblith Kobell
 Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Schedule 2024 - 2025

Potluck Supper
 Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Sisterhood Hanukkah Brunch
 Sunday, December 8, 2024

Sisterhood Shabbat
 Saturday, March 8, 2025

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL
 JUDY KOBELL AT 412-725-5566

OUR LEADERSHIP

The Men's Club

Ira Frank

Men's Club President
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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 these 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 schedules 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 and 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 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!

You can reach Ira Frank, Men's Club president, at 412-849-2937 or natfabira@juno.com.

Happy and Healthy 5785!

Men's Club 2024 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



Planting the Seeds for Our Future...



Join
Beth Shalom's
Legacy Circle
TODAY!



Thank You to our Legacy Circle Members...

Moshe Baran (z"l)
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Ari & May Chester
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Sarita Eisner
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Making a legacy gift assures that Beth Shalom will be here for future generations. Joining the 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 chat with you about creating your Jewish legacy. Please contact Rabbi Andy Shugerman, 412-421-2288 Ext. 317, or rabbiandy@bethshalompgh.org, Ira Frank (natfabira@juno.com) or Mindy Shreve (mindyshreve@gmail.com).

Beth Shalom Welcomes Its Newest Members

Gary Geller
Karen Kornblum
Nikol & Stanley Marks
Jill Millstone & Ezra Mirvish
Iris Nahemow

Jeffery Rosenbloom
Robert & Wendy Russman-Halperin
Ben Sitter & Karen Gal-Or
Danielle Swanson
Rachel von Waldow & David Liddle

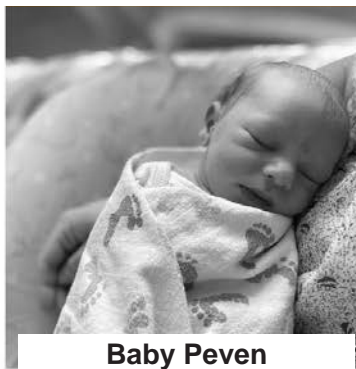
**Let Us Also Welcome These Adorable Babies Born
between June 2023 and July 2024 to
Congregation Beth Shalom Member Families!**



Baby Weiss



Baby Reynolds



Baby Peven



Baby Parker



Baby Samberg



Baby Zacharias



Baby Pomerantz



Baby Holzer



Baby Tallon



Baby Liddle



Baby Sussman



Baby Barker Frankel

We Look Forward to Being Part of Your Memories!

Rosh Hashanah Blessings

Candle Lighting

This year Rosh Hashanah does not fall on Shabbat. On the first night, 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*. On the second night, light after dark from an existing flame.

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, shehehe-
yanu vekiymanu vehig-
giyanu la-zeman ha-zeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר
שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה:



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, 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 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 ha-gafen.

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh haolam, asher bahar banu mikol am, veromemanu mikol lashon, vekiddeshanu bemitzvotav. Vatiten lanu Adonai Eloheinu, be'ahavah et yom hazikaron hazeh, yom teruah mikrah kodesh, zekher litzit'at Mitzrayim. Ki vanu vaharta, ve'otanu kiddashta, mikol ha'amim, udvarkhah emet vekayam la'ad. Barukh atah, Adonai, Melekh al kol ha'arets, mekadesh Yisrael veyom hazikaron.

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

סְבִרֵי חֲבֵרַי:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגָּפֶן.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוּ מִכָּל-עַם
וְרוֹמַמְנוּ מִכָּל לְשׁוֹן, וְקִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו. וַתִּתֵּן לָנוּ יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ
בְּאַהֲבָה אֶת-יוֹם הַזִּכְרוֹן הַזֶּה,
יוֹם תְּרוּעָה מִקְרָא קֹדֶשׁ זִכָּר
לִיצִיאַת מִצְרָיִם. כִּי בָנוּ בְחָרְתָּ
וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים.
וַדְּבַרְךָ אֱמֶת וְקַיָּם לְעַד: בְּרוּךְ
אַתָּה יי מֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ
מְקַדֵּשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיוֹם הַזִּכְרוֹן:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ
לְזִמְן הַזֶּה:

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.

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.

וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶת מוֹעֲדֵי יי אֵל
בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:
תִּקְעוּ בַחֲדָשׁ שׁוֹפָר בְּכֶסֶה
לְיוֹם חֲגֻגְנוּ. כִּי חֹק לְיִשְׂרָאֵל
הוּא מִשְׁפָּט לֵאלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב:
סְבִרֵי חֲבֵרַי:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגָּפֶן:

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.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם:

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.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ:

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.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי 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-tehaddehsh aleinu shanah tovah umetukah.

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָּנֶיךָ יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ
וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתְּחַדְּשׁ
עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה:

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

זֶה חֲלִיפָתִי, זֶה תְּמוּרָתִי, זֶה כַּפָּרָתִי.
זֶה הַכֶּסֶף יֵלֵךְ לְצִדְקָה, וְאֲנִי אֵלֵךְ
וְאֶכְנֶס לַחַיִּים טוֹבִים אֲרֻכִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם.

Candle Lighting

We light candles eighteen minutes before sunset, as on Shabbat. 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 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.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ 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, shehehyanu vekiyyemanu vehiggiyanu la-zeman ha-zeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֵחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה:

Tashlikh

Observed in 5785 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. 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:

א

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 וְעֵבֶר עַל־פְּשַׁע לְשֹׂאֲרֵית נַחְלָתוֹ,
לֹא הִחְזִיק לְעַד אַפּוֹ כִּי חָפֵץ חַסְדֵּךְ הוּא. יָשׁוּב יִרְחַמְנוּ
יִכְבֹּשׁ עֲוֹנֵתֵינוּ וְתִשְׁלִיךְ בְּמַצְלוֹת יָם כָּל־חַטָּאתָם. תִּתֵּן
אֲמַת לִיעֶקֶב חַסֵּד לְאַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
מִיָּמֵי קֶדֶם. מִיכָה ז יח-כ

The following may be added:

קָרָאתִי מִצָּרָה לִי אֵל ה' וַיַּעֲנֵנִי מִבֶּטֶן שְׂאוֹל שְׁוַעֲתִי
שָׁמַעְתָּ קוֹלִי. וְתִשְׁלִיכֵנִי מִצּוֹלָה בְּלִבֵּב יָמִים וְנָהָר
יִסְבְּבֵנִי כָּל־מִשְׁבָּרֶיךָ וְגַלְיָךְ עָלַי עֲבֹרוּ. וְאַנִּי אֲמַרְתִּי
נִגְרַשְׁתִּי מִנְּגִד עֵינַיִךְ אֶךְ אוֹסִיף לְהִבִּיט אֶל־הַיִּכַּל קְדֹשְׁךָ.
אֲפַפּוּנֵי מַיִם עַד־נִפְשׁ תַּהוֹם יִסְבְּבֵנִי סוֹף חָבוּשׁ לְרֹאשִׁי.
לְקַצְבֵי הָרִים יִרְדְּתִי הָאָרֶץ בְּרַחֲמֶיךָ בְּעַדִי לְעוֹלָם וְתַעַל
מִשְׁחַת חַיִּי ה' אֱלֹהֵי. בְּהִתְעַטֵּף עָלַי נִפְשִׁי אֵת ה'
זְכַרְתִּי וַתִּבּוֹא אֵלַיךְ תִּפְלֹתִי אֶל־הַיִּכַּל קְדֹשְׁךָ. 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־הָרַקְדָּשִׁי כִּי־מִלְאָה הָאָרֶץ
דַּעָה אֵת ה' כַּמַּיִם לַיָּם מְכַסִּים. ישעיה יא ט

ב

כִּי־מֵי נַח זֹאת לִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מֵעֵבֶר מִי־נַח עוֹד עַל־
הָאָרֶץ כֵּן נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מִקֶּצֶף עָלֶיךָ וּמִגְעַר־בָּךְ. כִּי הֵהָרִים
יִמוּשׁוּ וְהַגְּבְעוֹת תִּמוּטִינָה וְחִסְדֵי מֵאֲתָךְ לֹא־יִמוּשׁ
וּבְרִית שְׁלוֹמִי לֹא תִמוּט אֲמַר מִרְחֻמֶיךָ ה'. ישעיה 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 5785

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Candle Lighting: 6:41 p.m.

6:00 p.m. *Minḥah/Ma'ariv*

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Thursday, October 3, 2024

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

5:30 p.m. Return

6:00 p.m. *Minḥah/Ma'ariv*

After 7:40 p.m. Candle Lighting from
an existing flame

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Friday, October 4, 2024

9:00 a.m. Morning Service

6:50 p.m. *Minḥah/Ma'ariv*

EREV YOM KIPPUR, KOL NIDREI

Friday, October 11, 2024

Candle Lighting: 6:27 p.m.

6:00 p.m. *Minḥah*

6:20 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur/*Kol Nidrei*

YOM KIPPUR MORNING

Saturday, October 12, 2024

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

4:50 p.m. *Minḥah*

6:15 p.m. *Ne'ilah*

7:15 p.m. *Ma'ariv*

7:25 p.m. *Shofar/Havdalah*



Join us for Selihot on the evening of
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Program & Prayer Service

Watch for more details to follow

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- Friday, October 4, 2024
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- Friday, October 18, 2024
- Thursday, October 24, 2024
- Friday, October 25, 2024

For more information, contact Michael Smrek Cemetery Director at
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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 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 (*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.



FESTIVAL OF SUKKOT 5785/2024

FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT

Candle lighting at 6:19 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16	Erev Sukkot Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 17	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
	Sukkot Morning Service	9:00 a.m.

Have your Lulav & Etrog ready!

SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT

Candle lighting from existing flame after 7:18 p.m.

Thursday, October 17	Sukkot Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 18	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
	Sukkot Morning Service	9:00 a.m.

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SHABBAT HOL HAMOED

Candle lighting from existing flame at 6:16 p.m.

	Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
	Congregational dinner in the Sukkah	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 19	Early Morning Shabbat Service	6:30 a.m.
	Morning Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m.
	Evening Service	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, October 20	Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
	Pizza in the Hut	6:00 p.m.
	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
	Scotch in the Sukkah	7:30 p.m.
Monday, October 21	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 22	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.

HOSHANA RABBA

Wednesday, October 23	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
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SHEMINI ATZERET

	Erev Shemini Atzeret Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 24	Early Morning Service with <i>Yizkor</i>	6:00 a.m.
	Shemini Atzeret Morning Service with <i>Yizkor</i> (<i>Yizkor</i> at approximately 10:30 a.m.)	9:00 a.m.

SIMḤAT TORAH

Candle lighting from existing flame after 7:08 p.m.

	Simḥat Torah Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Family celebration: hakafot, dancing, and singing with Sifrei Torah beginning at 6:30 p.m.		
Friday, October 25	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
	Simḥat Torah Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	Family Hakafot	10:00 a.m.



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Kiddush Sponsors

May 1, 2024 — July 31, 2024

May 4, 2024

sponsored by **Elizabeth Chow and Aaron Smuckler** in honor of their daughter Kimi becoming a bat mitzvah.

May 11, 2024

sponsored by **Jennifer and Josh Steiman** in honor of their daughter Marissa becoming a bat mitzvah.

May 18, 2024

sponsored by **Hadassah Max and Jonathan Arnold** in honor of their son Judah becoming a bar mitzvah.

May 25, 2024

sponsored by **Rachael & Arie Stavchansky** in honor of their daughters, Emma and Talia becoming benot mitzvah.

June 1, 2024

sponsored by **the Krasik family** in honor of what would have been Elaine Belle Krasik's 80th birthday.

June 8, 2024

sponsored by **Claudia and Richard Andorsky** in honor of the Aufruf of Lilly Andorsky and Logan Gants.

June 15, 2024

sponsored by **Shari Woldenberg and Mark Frisch** in honor of their one-year wedding anniversary.

June 22, 2024

sponsored by **Rabbi Judy Bardack** in honor of celebrating her birthday with her wonderful fellow Congregants.

July 6, 2024

sponsored by **the Weiss family** in honor of Lydia Betsy and all of her loving family and friends.

July 27, 2024

sponsored by **the Yogman family** in honor of Noa becoming a benei mitzvah.

Nihum Avelim

(Comforting Mourners)

May 1, 2024 — July 31, 2024

Fern Steckel (Alan) on the passing of her mother, Marlene Weitz Josowitz, on Monday, May 13, 2024.

Jean Reznick (Paul) and Sara Berliner (Jason) on the passing of their father and grandfather, Harry Drucker, on Monday, May 27, 2024.

Gregory Engel (Ina) on the passing of his mother, Marilyn Rose Engel, on Sunday, June 16, 2024.

Ellen Toker on the passing of her sister, Susan Finer, on Saturday, June 22, 2024.

Emanuel Schreiber (Elishiva) on the passing of his mother, Lillian Schreiber, on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

Milestones – *Mazal Tov!*

May 1, 2024 — July 31, 2024

Bryce, Tim, Bailey and Archie on the birth of their son and brother, Ezra Leopold James Tallon, who was born on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

The CDS 8th Graders who graduated on Friday, May 17, 2024.

Cookie Elbling and Julian Elbling on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Ben Straus.

Emily & Aaron Weiss on the birth of their daughter, Lydia Betsy Weiss, who was born on Monday, May 13, 2024.

Cheryl Blumenfeld and Harold Blumenfeld & Sheryl Riddle on the birth of their granddaughter, Margot Elyse Vibbert on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Parents are Morgan (Blumenfeld) and Ryan Vibbert.

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Recent high school and college graduates.

Jamie & Ben Peven, and Zach Peven on the birth of their son and brother, Jonah Miles Peven who was born on Monday, July 8, 2024.

Rachel von Waldow & David Liddle and Jacqueline Liddle on the birth of their son and brother, Charlie Liddle, who was born on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

Matthew and Diana Samberg on the first anniversary of the birth of their third child, Isaac. He joined the family on June 20, 2023.

Nancy Bernstein and Rocky Schoen on the wedding of their son, Noah Schoen, to Frances Lasday on Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Virtual Third Meal Sponsors

May 1, 2024 — July 31, 2024

May 25, 2024

sponsored by **Ira Frank & Emily Frank** in memory of their father J. Leonard Frank's yahrzeit.

June 8, 2024

sponsored by **Diane Silberg** in honor of what would have been her parents 74th wedding anniversary.

July 6, 2024

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in memory of his grandfather, Abraham Meltzer.

July 13, 2024

sponsored by **Rick and Shari Sweet** on the yahrzeit for mother, Shirley Sweet.

July 20, 2024

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

Shabbat Kiddush Sponsorship

We are seeking sponsors for our Shabbat Kiddushes. All of the monies raised will be used to cover the cost of the food. Please help us reach our goal.



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

Virtual Third Meal

Relax between *Minḥah* and *Ma'ariv* each week as we are led in study. We are asking for volunteers to sponsor a virtual meal for \$100 per week, to provide for ritual necessities such as Torah repair.



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Watch for the return of "Real" Third Meal returning after Sukkot.

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Donate online at bethshalompgh.org/general-donations**

Operations Endowment

Providing long-term support for synagogue operations

Rabbi Adelson Discretionary Fund

Supporting Rabbi Adelson's Philanthropic Ideals

Rabbi Goodman Discretionary Fund

Supporting Rabbi Goodman'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

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

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 Zytneck Endowment

Supports synagogue operations

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