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### Visiting High Holiday Rabbi Appointed



We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Rabbi David Ebstein, of Jerusalem, Israel, as Visiting High Holiday Rabbi for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur of 2017. We look forward to

Rabbi Ebstein's joining us alongside Rabbi Liben, Cantor Richmond, and Hazzan Joel Sussman.

A native of Chicago, Rabbi Ebstein was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Following seven years as a pulpit

rabbi in Herndon, VA, he made Aliyah in 1995. Since then, Rabbi Ebstein has continued to serve US congregations, including for the past 14 years as Long Distance Rabbi for a congregation in Tucson, AZ. In Israel, Rabbi Ebstein served for 7 years as director of the United Synagogue Neshama Israel Program. Currently, along with being a licensed tour guide, he conducts B'nei Mitzvah services and weddings, and serves in other rabbinical roles for visiting North Americans and Israelis. In engaging Rabbi Ebstein for our community, we were particularly impressed with his warmth

and congeniality, his Jewish knowledge, his concern for meeting our community's particular needs, and by his long experience in High Holiday pulpits. We are conscious that, as a rabbi/tour guide, Rabbi Ebstein has been highly successful at making immediate and meaningful connections with the people he serves.

A 'Meet and Greet' will be held on Tuesday, August 29, at 8:00 pm to meet our new High Holiday Rabbi. This will be a great opportunity to meet Rabbi Ebstein, see your TI friends, and enjoy dessert.

### Syrian Family Update

For the past six months, Temple Israel of Natick has been participating in the mitzvah of Tikkun Olam. We have been helping two Syrian refugee families, sponsored by Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, settle in our area. These families are very appreciative of our support as they begin their new lives here; grateful for the sense of security that they experience everyday. They are learning English, starting jobs, excited to see their young children thrive in school, and are slowly acclimating to life here.

I have had the privilege of getting to know these loving families and helping them negotiate daily life. I look forward to visiting with them, helping

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### BBQ & Bar'chu at Temple Israel!



**Join Your TI Friends on July 14 and 25!**  
**Services will begin at 5:45 pm.**

Dinner will be served after the Shabbat Service around 6:30 pm.

The menu will include delicious hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, chicken, corn on the cob, and more!

Reservations are required. Information will be online.

The cost is: Adults & Teens=\$15, children 3-12=\$8. Children 2 and under are free.

### SUMMER D'VAR TORAH SERIES

Join us, in July and August, for our more relaxed summer services, featuring "guest" congregants leading davening, and divrei Torah given by members of our community:

July 1	Hukat	Jordan Singer
July 8	Balak	Rabbi Harold Kushner
July 15	Pinhas	Gretchen Brandt
July 22	Mattot/Masey	Alan Stein
July 29	Devarim	Paula Jacobs
August 5	Va'et'hannan	Rabbi Shira Shazeer
August 19	Re'eh	Ann Green
August 26	Shoftim	Alan Cole

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## From The Rabbi's Desk



In the commentary in Mahzor Lev Shalem, Rabbi Harold Shulweis writes:

Where do I begin? Where do I find God? How do I begin to pray? There is a tselem Elohim, an image of God, implanted in me. The image of God is found in myself...in each of us is a n'shamah, a soul whose origin is God. In prayer, I enter into the deepest parts of myself, discover who I am, and touch God's presence.

Summer services at Temple Israel are among my favorite experiences of the year. On Shabbat evenings, we gather for Kabbalat Shabbat prayers, weather permitting, in the courtyard. On those summer evenings, the sights, sounds and smells of nature become the backdrop for our praying.

On Shabbat mornings in the Sanctuary, members of the congregation give the Divrei Torah, sharing their Torah and their life experience with the community. Occasionally, we may experiment with how we arrange the chairs, seeing how that affects the experience of communal prayer.

Regardless of the physical setting, however, I marvel at the complexity of what is happening as we pray. You might think that a common Siddur keeps us all pretty much on the same page, as it were. However, there are actually multiple experiences, quite different one from another, happening simultaneously.

And I don't just mean that Cohen comes to talk to God, while Schwartz comes to talk to Cohen. As important as the shmooze factor is for many of us, coming to synagogue to be a part of a community of friends, there are moments when even Schwartz is reaching towards a different kind of experience, a more inwardly directed religious one.

Let me tell you what I see: What looks like a common experience is actually a multiple of prayer practices at work. Though different, these practices are similar in their effect: to open the heart, cultivate gratitude, and lift us into a more expansive awareness and sense of connection.

Some people want to read every word on the page, while others linger over a single phrase that speaks to them. Others close the book altogether, and allow themselves to be carried by the melody and the prayers of the congregation.

Then there are the singers, hummers and clappers (I'm in that group), whose practice is more intentionally physical and for whom the music and the movement is itself the message.

There are those in the congregation who proficiently "daven" every word, whether or not they understand the Hebrew. That's their practice. The familiar flow of the language, physically articulated, serves as a mantra: it clears the mind of extraneous thoughts, and allows one to enter an inner sanctuary of sacred space. The meaning of the words takes second place to the process, as they gently "shuckle" (Yiddish for swaying back and forth in prayer).

In contrast, others are focusing on the literal meaning of the prayer, reading each paragraph closely, often in English, for content. For them, the Amida becomes an opportunity to explore their theology, examining how each Rabbinic statement stacks up against their own experience of the world. This kind of prayer is both personal and intellectual.

At the same time, good liturgy is also good poetry: it is multi-layered. It evokes feelings and emotions that resonate to individual experiences and temperaments. I am sometimes caught completely by surprise by what arises for me in a prayer.

Then there are those for whom just being near their children, holding them, turning pages for them, or feeding them, evokes a sense of connection and is itself a prayer.

Still others bide their time until the Torah service, for it is there, in the process of Torah study, that they hear the whisper of God's voice.

We make space for all of these expressions within our community, and are enriched by each other's offerings. Which of these practices are you drawn to? Which are the ones that open your heart and evoke a sense of connection?

And then of course, there is Schwartz, who is here because he likes to talk to Cohen. And who would we be without Schwartz, or without any of these uncommon companions in prayer?

Have a wonderful summer, and I hope to see you in Shul!

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## Shabbat Services



Friday Evening - 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday Morning - 9:15 a.m.  
Mincha - 5:30 p.m.

See calendars for all events

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## Sponsor an August Kiddish

Celebrating a simcha in on August 5 or 12? Want to honor the memory of a loved one? Share the occasion with the Temple Israel community.

Contact the office about sponsoring a Shabbat Kiddush on August 5 or 12.

508-650-3521, ext. 100 or [office@tiofnatick.org](mailto:office@tiofnatick.org)

# HaKol Deadline

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## The Cantor's Voice



As the 2016-2017 year comes to an end, I wanted to thank you for another year of being part of this community. It's been a privilege to work with an incredible professional staff and lay leadership, as well as all of the participants and volunteers who make the community vibrant and interesting, 365 days a year.

Summer can be a time of transition. Several beloved members of the community are moving. Some stalwarts of the community are relocating to senior living, and chief among them are our beloved Rabbi Laureate Harold Kushner and his wife Suzette. They have shaped their community during their 52 years here, and we have been blessed to learn often and to learn much from Rabbi Kushner and to see the Kushners most weeks on Shabbat. We will miss their regular presence and we hope they will visit often. We'll look forward to Rabbi Kushner's d'var Torah on July 8.

As some friends and teachers move out of town, others move in, and the summer and fall are a great time to welcome people into our community. If you have neighbors or friends, new or old, who you think would enjoy the Temple, our Religious School, or our Nursery School, please invite them here and if you see new folks, please help welcome them. Though our summer pace slows down a little from the rest of the year, we still have minyan twice a day, and our Shabbat services include Friday nights in the courtyard (weather permitting), and Saturday mornings with our Summer Dvar Torah series and usually several celebrations of milestones that we recognize. We'll have four Pizza & Popsicle gatherings and two BBQ & Bar'chus.

Whether you're coming or going, or just staying put, I wish you a good summer.

**Cantor Ken Richmond**

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## From the President's Desk



Happy summer! Thank you to everyone who has wished me good luck as I start my presidency at Temple Israel. And thank you to my friend, and our immediate past president, Stuart Alford, for his

exceptional leadership these past two years.

Summer is a quieter time at Temple Israel. The Religious School is closed, and the Nursery School runs a shorter summer camp program. Maintenance staff is tackling the larger building issues that can't be done during the year. The clergy and office staff have a short reprieve before gearing up for the High Holidays, and the Temple Board can also take a step back before planning for the year ahead. There are fewer social events on the calendar, but there is still plenty of activity! Here are a few events to add to your calendar:

- Kabbalat Shabbat services in the courtyard, Friday nights, at 5:45 pm.

- BBQ & Bar'chu, July 14 and August 25 – be sure to pre-register as attendance is always large.
- Summer D'var Torah Series begins on Saturday morning, July 1, featuring Temple Israel congregants presenting their own interpretations of the week's parashah.
- Meet Rabbi David Ebstein, our new High Holiday Rabbi, on August 29. Additional information may be found in this HaKol.
- And for the young children, we'll be hosting our popular Pizza/Popsicles and Water Play programs, from 5:00 – 6:00 pm on four Tuesdays during the summer. The first date is July 11!

There will be other announcements of events through Constant Contact and the Shabbat flyer, or you may check the calendar on the Temple website: [www.tiofnatick.org](http://www.tiofnatick.org)

At the board installation last month, I spoke about the importance of volunteers in our community. Whether through a Temple board position, Sisterhood, the Men's Club, or one of our many Temple committees and programs, much of our success is due to volunteers. If you are not yet volunteering, please think about joining us. There are many ways you can become involved. As you relax on the beach or by the pool this summer, think about how you might volunteer in the coming year. It is both a rewarding experience and a great way to meet new people. We are an active and vibrant community because of the leadership of our clergy and our staff, because of our many volunteers, and because of our congregants. I am honored to be President of this congregation and look forward to working with all of you as we continue to build on our strengths and traditions.

David Tursky

president@tiofnatick.org

## Jewish Meditation at elements3yoga in Framingham



As part of Temple Israel's outreach efforts, on Sunday evening, August 6 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm, Rabbi Liben will be leading a Jewish mediation session at element3yoga located at 1 Edgell Road, Framingham. This session is free and all are welcome. Andrew Tanner, the studio owner, will begin with a short yoga exercise. Registration information will be sent via our weekly email.

## HaKol: For the People, By the People

HaKol is Temple Israel's monthly bulletin for the people and by the people. Temple members organize and publish this newsletter. You might see the "usuals" listed in their regular columns, but anyone is welcome to offer a story - whether it's a creative piece or an article describing a Temple event or initiative. If you would like to get your creative writing juices flowing, please email [hakol@tiofnatick.org](mailto:hakol@tiofnatick.org).

# HAZAK NEWS

What an incredible visit we had to Mt. Auburn Cemetery on Sunday, June 11, 2017! We were treated to an informational tour of this very beautiful resting place of so many famous people. Did you know that among other Jews, the graves of Julius Eichberg, founder of the New England Conservatory of Music, Abraham Maslow, the psychologist who taught us about the "hierarchy of needs", Edwin Land of Polaroid fame, Bernard Malamud, author and winner of the Pulitzer prize, and Felix Frankfurter, US Supreme Court Justice are there? Mt. Auburn is an historical treasure, as well as a center for horticulture, landscape enhancement, educational, and cultural programming.

Special thanks must go to Ilene Silver for making the necessary arrangements. Also, we appreciate the help of Harry Hersh, who held the necessary materials for our presenter! As always, our temple members enjoyed the event and each other's company. It's very "comfortable" being with HAZAK friends!!

HAZAK at Temple Israel celebrated its 4th birthday in March. We are so fortunate that our temple members aged 50+, are excited to plan and participate in our programs. We have many wonderful events coming up and you will be kept entertained and busy in the coming months. If you have not been getting our e-mails, please let the Temple office know. We welcome you and encourage you to join us! Remember--if you are 50 plus, join us!!!

Enjoy the beautiful weather.

The Feinbergs, the Marmers, and the Richmonds



**Temple Israel's Calendar**  
is accessible to you on your internet browser!!  
Just type in your browser  
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Favorite it and have the Temple's up-to-date  
calendar at your fingertips wherever you are!

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in the PASSPORT  
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## Family Table



Each month, Temple Israel has taken on the responsibility of donating 50 four-packs of toilet paper to JF&CS' Family Table, in support of more than 400 needy Jewish families in the Boston area. Don't forget to bring a four-pack of toilet paper to contribute the next time you are in the Temple building. Contact site coordinator Daphne Blacker at [daphneblacker@yahoo.com](mailto:daphneblacker@yahoo.com) or 508-405-2853 for more information.

## Maintenance Issues at TI?

As you have probably noticed, we are striving to improve and keep on top of all maintenance issues for our facility. If you are aware of any issue that needs to be addressed, please inform our VP of Administration Bob Gold, by putting a note in his Temple office mailbox or by contacting the office at 508-650-3521 x100 or [office@tiofnatick.org](mailto:office@tiofnatick.org)

## TI Israel Film Club

TI's Israel Action Committee is proud to show the latest in Israeli Films. Israeli films have garnered international recognition in the last decade and have provided for us a window of opportunity to better understand the complexities of Israeli society. Contact Dubi at [dubi@wellnesstandard.com](mailto:dubi@wellnesstandard.com) to be added to our mailing list.

## Are You Receiving TI Correspondence?

Have you moved? Has your phone number changed? Do you have a new e-mail address? Call the office at 508-650-3521 x 100 or send an email to [office@tiofnatick.org](mailto:office@tiofnatick.org) to update your contact information.

## SPONSOR A SHABBAT KIDDUSH

Sisterhood would like to encourage everyone to consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Kiddush. This is a great way to acknowledge and celebrate simchas – birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other milestones -- with your Temple Israel community. It is also a lovely way to remember a loved one or express gratitude. All sponsors, co-sponsors, and contributors will be acknowledged in the weekly Shabbat Bulletin and on placards placed on the tables during the Kiddush. If you are interested in sponsoring or helping to sponsor a Kiddush, beginning in September, please contact Amy Salinger at 508-380-6621 or [amysalinger29@yahoo.com](mailto:amysalinger29@yahoo.com)

## The Ark Builders Have Done it Again!

Excerpted by Ilene Silver from an article by Bill Shaner in the MetroWest Daily News



David Jacobs and Bert Marmor with the puppet theater



Bert Marmor, David Jacobs, and Ruth Winnett  
Photo credit to Joel Winett

The Framingham Library's McAuliffe Branch Children's Room, dedicated to Sherry Rousseau, has a new feature—a puppet theater built by our Temple Israel Ark Builders. As many of you know, this group of woodworkers, belonging to Temple Israel, specializes in amenities for public spaces and the small colorful theater is its most recent project.

The children in attendance at the dedication approached the theater gingerly at first, unsure of what to expect. Then, in the shelving behind it, they discovered the cache of puppets and toys. The apprehension disappeared. By the way children took to it, it appears the Ark Builders' idea was a success. Children's Librarian Robin Frank said she has a feeling the kids will fall in love with it. "It's going to add an enormous amount. Kids love puppets, kids go to the puppet theater, they know how to use it," she said.

The Ark Builders have been building public amenities since 1985. The group has built many pieces for Temple Israel and has a long

history of work outside the temple. They have built a playhouse for the Morse Institute Children's Library, a reception desk for the Place to Turn food pantry, and a portable ark for the MetroWest Jewish Day School. They restore park benches in Natick when they become worn down.

The puppet theater, their most recent work, is accented by bright orange and blue. A curtain wraps around a PVC pipe. When closed, it completely covers the orange stage, which is about knee high,, just high enough for a young child to kneel and give a show.

The Ark Builders had been at work on the puppet theater since January, but the idea pre-dates the new building. David Jacobs, Ark Builder, said the idea came about ten years ago, but this year felt like the right year to do it. "The puppet theater," he said, "seemed like an interesting challenge. Everything we do has to have curves to it. It's can't be straight."

Framingham Library Trustee Ruth Winett is a member of Temple Israel.

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them with English, arranging transportation to medical appointments and other destinations, going on shopping trips, and engaging them in community activities. I enjoy being with them and learning about their culture, especially when they share their delicious foods with us! When their beautiful children run into my arms and give me hugs, there is no better feeling! Connecting with these families, who have suffered so much, is truly heartwarming and fulfilling.

Elaine Marmor, Joel Feinberg, Sheila and Bill Wolfson, and Dorene and Alan Nemeth join me as core members of our volunteer corps and are working together with the social workers and volunteers at JFS, as well as volunteers from other area temples. As with all families, the needs of our newest refugees increase as they get more involved and settled in their new community. We are looking for additional

volunteers who can commit 2-3 hours per week, preferably between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. It is possible that the times will fluctuate, depending upon the week and the activity. If you are interested in helping, contact our volunteer coordinator Dorene Nemeth, at [anemeth@rcn.com](mailto:anemeth@rcn.com). It does take a village to help a child, and in this case, a family. The satisfaction and rewards that you will receive are immeasurable.

We are grateful for the support of Dr. Alan Avery-Peck, Temple Israel's Vice President of Religion and to the Israel Action Committee and Jewish Family Service for their continued support on behalf of all the local Syrian refugee families. We invite you to join the caring support system that we have helped to create.

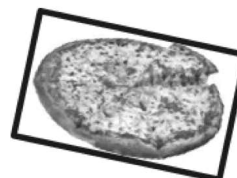
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Temple Israel Presents:  
**Pizza + Popsicles + Water**  
**Play = FUN!**  
(for all ages)  
Prospective Members  
Welcome!

**Tuesdays**  
**July 11 & 25**  
**August 8 & 22**

5:00-6:00 pm at Temple Israel  
Suggested donation: \$5:00  
per family  
Please RSVP to  
[pizza@tiofnatick.org](mailto:pizza@tiofnatick.org)



# JUDY GORDON NURSERY SCHOOL

**Judy Gordon Nursery School Welcomes New Director Faye Tonkonogy.** Please help welcome Faye Tonkonogy, who has accepted the position of director and lead teacher at JGNS.

Faye brings 30 years of education experience, having worked as an elementary school teacher, nursery school teacher, and nursery school director: most recently teaching in the Wayland Public School system. After spending some time in kindergarten classrooms, Faye believed the children weren't as prepared as she thought they could be. She has chosen to return to a preschool setting to help give children the tools and experiences that will enable them to successfully enter kindergarten.

We are looking forward to beginning the next chapter at JGNS, and are thrilled with the attitude, energy, and skills that Faye will bring to the program. When you first meet Faye, you will observe that she is full of energy; articulate, and confident. She also has a warm/nurturing side that will put children and parents at ease and enable a joyful, rewarding educational experience for the children. Faye is excited to meet with all of the wonderful families and students at JGNS. She is looking forward to working with JGNS staff and to joining the leadership team at Temple Israel, collaborating with Rabbi Liben, Cantor Ken, and religious school director Robin Kahn.

The school will see several other changes this upcoming year. To better accommodate the schedules of working families, the school will be open on Jewish holidays (with the exception of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) and during public school vacation weeks. Online registration for extended hours will also be new this fall. We have openings in our classes and are happy to work with families to meet their needs. Please help us spread the word!

Thank you to the search committee co-chaired by Rebecca Katsh Singer and Penni Rochwerger, as well as Joyce Chase, Amy Salinger, Michelle Schweiger, and Education Committee Chair Amy Finstein. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! And, a very special thank you to Cindy Sandler for her dedication to the school as a parent, teacher, and director. We wish her the best.

JGNS has a history of being a wonderful Jewish preschool within Metrowest. We are looking forward to the next chapter of success for JGNS!

**Michelle Wilen**  
VP of Education

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Looking Ahead to 2017-2018

What an amazing year it has been at Temple Israel! Much of the work done this year laid the groundwork for new programs. Next year, we will build upon this year's energy and successes. Following are some highlights to look forward to!

**We'll have an Israeli in our community in the role of educator!** Last winter, Temple Israel was asked to host a Shinshin (a pre-army Israeli teen) who will be at TI many afternoons and on Sunday mornings. Our Shinshin will be available for special programs and lessons for all grades; as well as community programs – including helping us build a stronger partnership with the Yavnieli School in Haifa, our sister school. The goal of the Shinshin program is to connect our community with Israel by building relationships with Israelis.

**Expanded electives!** Last spring, we piloted a successful elective program that will be continued for grades 3-5. We'll run electives three times during the year; each set of electives will tie thematically to the Jewish calendar. Last year, our electives unit focused on Passover and included: art, Legos, food, and technology. A parent volunteer led each elective. If you have a special talent that you would like to share with our students, please let me know.

**Engaging Pre-Teens!** As you may know, in cooperation with Temple Beth Am, Temple Beth Sholom, MWJDS, and Camp Tel Noar, we received a grant to focus on engaging more pre-teens in the Jewish community before, during, and immediately after the process of becoming b'nai mitzvah. We are interviewing candidates to coordinate this new initiative. The coordinator will also teach in all four schools next year, working to

build a youth community in Metrowest. At Temple Israel, the plan is for the educator to teach B'nai Telem (see below) to our 6th and 7th graders.

**B'nai Telem!** B'nai Telem is a community service and Jewish learning program for B'nai Mitzvah students. B'nai Telem will provide opportunities for pre-teens to learn how they can have an impact in and around our community and give them tools to affect real change! In addition to helping others, pre-teens will learn through instruction and reflection about the values that have guided Jews for thousands of years. Students at Temple Israel and Temple Beth Am will have the opportunity to study the same curriculum and, throughout the year, come together for service projects.

**New for 8th Graders!** In addition, Telem (a program similar to B'nai Telem, but designed for 8th graders), will be offered on Monday nights at Temple Beth Am. Please let me know if you have an 8th grader interested in this program.

**New for 6th and 7th Graders!** We are also launching a Rosh Hodesh group for girls in grades 6 and 7, led by Amy Finstein. This group will meet on Sunday evenings, once a month. We also have plans for a Metrowest community Rosh Hodesh group for 8th graders.

I am so proud to work in a community supporting pilot programs, new initiatives, and collaborative programming. Thank you for your support of this exciting and important work.

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### Save the Date!

## Sunday, September 24 - Annual Ride for Food

Come Ride for "Team A Place To Turn" on September 24th in the 6th Annual Ride For Food! Bike in a truly spectacular event and fundraise on behalf of A Place to Turn, which provides emergency food to over 12,000 people in Metrowest each year.

To sign up or for more information, email [joanne@aplacetoturn-natick.org](mailto:joanne@aplacetoturn-natick.org). To learn more about A Place to Turn, visit [www.aplacetoturn-natick.org](http://www.aplacetoturn-natick.org)



# YOUTH UPDATE

It is so hard to believe how quickly this year flew by! We now find ourselves beginning what is sure to be an amazing summer. The beginning of the summer is an excellent time to reflect upon the great year we had together.

The addition of programming for our K-2 groups was a great success! We are looking for parent volunteers to help support this part of our programming for the next school year, so that we can offer awesome experiences for everyone. Our 3rd-5th grade group enjoyed many local and regional events, and those students are looking forward to more opportunities next year. Our 6th-12th grade USY groups had their successes recognized at NERUSY's Spring Convention, in May. In addition to taking first place honors for their banner and their Tikun Olam contributions, they were named a Gold Chapter of Excellence for exceptional programming in all areas, for the third year in a row! Thank you all for taking part in Youth Programming this year!

## Congratulations to the newly elected 2017-2018 Natick USY Board!

President	Sarah Winn
Israel Affairs Vice President	Sam Burg
Religious Education Vice President	Michael Berelowitz
Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President	Ethan Klopman
Programming Vice President	Noah Abraham
Membership/Kadima Vice President	Ben Katzman
Communications Vice President	Kendra Burg
Freshman Representative	Noam Blacker

## Honorary Members:

NERUSY SATO Vice President	Emma Freedlander
NERUSY Communications Vice President	Micah Rothkopf
Immediate Past President	Amy Azaria
Immediate Past President	Ohad Klopman

Natick USY is proud to present the Brahm Betterman Award for exceptional leadership in Natick USY each year. Brahm Betterman was an active USYer and a former Natick USY Advisor. This year's recipients are Amy Azaria and Emma Freedlander. Their leadership and dedication has touched all of our youth programming participants, as well as the entire Temple Israel Community.

Planning for next year has begun! All students in grades K-12 are encouraged to register for Youth Programming at Temple Israel. Our 3rd-12th graders have the opportunity to become members of our award-winning USY group. Please register at <http://tinyurl.com/TIYouthRegistration2017>.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about Youth Programming at Temple Israel. I wish you all a fun and relaxing summer. I can't wait to hear all about it when I see you again.

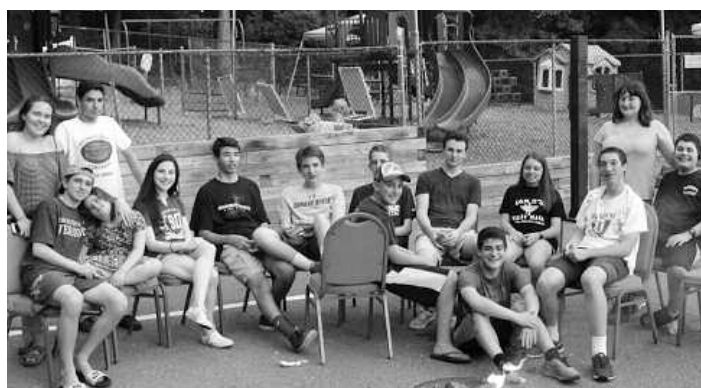
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*New and Old Board Members*



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## Israel: World Leader in Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Aid



*Yotam Polizer*

Yotam Polizer is co-CEO of IsraAID, a non-profit NGO (non-governmental organization). He spoke recently at Temple Israel, sponsored by the Israel Action Committee, on "How Israel Became a World Leader in Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Aid."

Founded in 2001, IsraAID has brought aid and comfort to over a million people in 39 countries, distributed thousands of tons of relief and medical supplies, and mobilized over 850 staff, professionals, and volunteers. IsraAID teams were at the forefront in disaster relief after the 2010 Haitian earthquake, the 2011 tsunami in Japan, the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, during floods in Peru and Colombia, in the Philippines after the 2013 typhoon, in Sierra Leone during the Ebola outbreak, and in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. "I go to places people are running away from," Polizer mused.

IsraAID has also brought its skills and compassion to a camp for Yazidis, a religious minority from North Syria. In 2013, ISIS killed

6000 Yazidi men and turned thousands of women and girls into sex slaves. One Yazidi specifically told Polizer that his people need help from Jews, because Jews were successful in building their own state.

In his talk at Temple Israel, Polizer focused on IsraAID's work with Syrian refugees. While acknowledging that teaching hatred of Jews is endemic to the Syrian school system and in other Arab societies, Polizer said, "It is our duty to help. The Syrian tragedy is an opportunity. We help people from countries with which we have no diplomatic relations. This is an opportunity to build bridges and change perspectives."

Thousands of Syrians have travelled through Turkey, where they board rafts and sail to the Greek Island of Lesbos. "We treat them right on the beach," said Polizer. Refugees arrive cold, hungry, sometimes sick or injured. They are greeted by the team from IsraAID, clad in T-shirts featuring the organization's name and a big Jewish Star. Said Polizer, "They probably

think they took the wrong boat. Often they don't know where they are or who we are."

IsraAID provides immediate medical care, food, and clothing. Israeli Jews, Muslims, Christians, and Bedouins work side by side. Many speak the language of the refugees, which helps in offering comfort. Polizer remembers helping a shivering two-year-old while his father watched in shock. "My worst enemy became my biggest supporter," said the father. "Those at home who were supposed to help me drove me away." "Now," said Polizer, "we're Facebook friends. We can't change everyone, but we do meet thousands of Syrians in our work." Polizer has also visited 60 campuses in one year, spreading the word about IsraAID, with the goal of countering anti-Israel propaganda.

IsraAID is also bringing Israeli water technology to 16 countries, including refugee camps and disaster areas. In Germany, they work with the Jewish community to help resettle refugees.

IsraAID does not receive funding from the Israeli government, but works with the government and the IDF in providing services. They are supported financially by private donors and receive funding from the U.N, especially for their work in Africa.

To view a moving video on IsraAID's work with Syrian refugees go to <http://www1.cbn.com/video/israelis-lend-a-helping-hand-to-syrian-refugees-in-greece>.

A longer version of this article is available at <https://www.jewishboston.com/israel-a-leader-in-disaster-relief-humanitarian-aid/>

by Ann Green

## Adopt-A-Family



*Yehudit and baby Yechiel Zvi in Zichron Yaakov*

The Adopt-A-Family committee is proud to inform the congregation that our important work in helping families is ongoing. In the last

few months, we have provided a number of Israeli families in the Sederot area with Passover food baskets. These Passover items included necessary food items such as matzoh, fruit, and vegetables, which helped families enjoy their holiday. Also, once again we are providing scholarships to a number of children to go to camp. This gives them an opportunity to go outside of the Sederot area to enjoy swimming, sports, and to make new friends. We thank all congregants who make donations to the Adopt-A-Family fund. Without your support, we could not do these mitzvot. Please continue to help us aid Israelis who need financial and emotional support.

The Naethanson's who live in Zichron Yaakov are one of our families. We provided them with medical items and paid for therapy a number of years ago. They are now back on their feet and do not need any more financial assistance. Last year, their daughter Yehudit was married and we are happy to share with you the great news that she and her husband now have an infant son named Yechiel Zvi.

by Carolyn Goodman



## JULY 2017 / TAMMUZ-AV 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7 Tammuz  Shabbat service 9:15 am
<b>2</b> 8 Tammuz	<b>3</b> 9 Tammuz  No Summer Camp program Office closed	<b>4</b> 10 Tammuz  No Summer Camp program Office closed	<b>5</b> 11 Tammuz  JFS Healthy Aging exercise class 1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>6</b> 12 Tammuz	<b>7</b> 13 Tammuz  Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm	<b>8</b> 14 Tammuz  Shabbat Service 9:15 am Shabbat babysitting 10:00 am-12:00 pm
<b>9</b> 15 Tammuz	<b>10</b> 16 Tammuz	<b>11</b> 17 Tammuz  Summer Pizza & Water Play (weather permitting) 5:00-6:00 pm Executive Board meeting 8:00 pm	<b>12</b> 18 Tammuz  JFS Healthy Aging exercise class 1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>13</b> 19 Tammuz	<b>14</b> 20 Tammuz  Kabbalat Shabbat and BBQ & Bar'chu 5:45	<b>15</b> 21 Tammuz  Shabbat service 9:15 am
<b>16</b> 22 Tammuz	<b>17</b> 23 Tammuz	<b>18</b> 24 Tammuz	<b>19</b> 25 Tammuz  JFS Healthy Aging exercise class 1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>20</b> 26 Tammuz  Hazak: Concert and picnic at Elm Bank, Wellesley	<b>21</b> 27 Tammuz  Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm	<b>22</b> 28 Tammuz  Shabbat service 9:15 am
<b>23</b> 29 Tammuz	<b>24</b> 1 Av	<b>25</b> 2 Av  Summer Pizza & Water Play (weather permitting) 5:00-6:00 pm Temple Board meeting, 8:00 pm	<b>26</b> 3 Av  JFS Healthy Aging exercise class 1:00 – 2:00 pm Men's Club Board meeting, 8:00 pm	<b>27</b> 3 Tammuz	<b>28</b> 5 Tammuz  Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm	<b>29</b> 6 Tammuz
<b>30</b> 7 Tammuz	<b>31</b> 8 Tammuz  Tisha B'Av service 9:00pm					

## AUGUST 2017 / AV-ELUL 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9 Av  Tisha B'av Morning minyan 6:45 am Mincha at 1:00 p.m., followed by break-fast Sisterhood Board meeting 8:00 pm	<b>2</b> 10 Av	<b>3</b> 11 Av	<b>4</b> 12 Av	<b>5</b> 13 Av
<b>6</b> 14 Av	<b>7</b> 15 Av	<b>8</b> 16 Av  Summer Pizza & Water Play (weather permitting) 5:00-6:00 pm Executive Board meeting 8:00 pm	<b>9</b> 17 Av	<b>10</b> 18 Av	<b>11</b> 19 Av  Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm	<b>12</b> 20 Av  Shabbat service 9:15 am
<b>13</b> 21 Av	<b>14</b> 22 Av	<b>15</b> 23 Av	<b>16</b> 24 Av	<b>17</b> 25 Av	<b>18</b> 26 Av  Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm	<b>19</b> 27 Av  Shabbat service 9:15 am
<b>20</b> 28 Av	<b>21</b> 29 Av  Bricks4Kidz summer program 9:00 am-4:00 pm	<b>22</b> 30 Av  Bricks4Kidz summer program 9:00 am-4:00 pm Summer Pizza & Water Play (weather permitting) 5:00-6:00 pm Temple Board meeting 8:00 pm	<b>23</b> 1 Elul  Bricks4Kidz summer program, Rms. 14-15, 9:00 am-4:00 pm	<b>24</b> 2 Elul  Bricks4Kidz summer program 9:00 am-4:00 pm	<b>25</b> 3 Elul  Bricks4Kidz summer program 9:00 am-4:00 pm BBQ & Bar'chu/open house 5:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm	<b>26</b> 4 Elul  Shabbat Service 9:15 am
<b>27</b> 5 Elul	<b>28</b> 6 Elul	<b>29</b> 7 Elul  Meet and Greet with High Holiday Rabbi Ebstein 8:00-10:00 pm	<b>30</b> 8 Elul  JGNS Opening Day for 3-day and 5-day classes 7:00 am Hazak Barbecue at Temple Israel 5:00 pm	<b>31</b> 9 Elul  JGNS Opening Day for 2-day classes 7:00 am Youth Lounge, Grades 8-12, 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Committee meeting, 7:30-9:00 pm		

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My sincere thanks to the Temple Israel community for the leagrams, donations and good wishes sent in honor of the engagement of my grandson, Dr. David Smoot, to Danielle Furman  
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Our sincere thanks to the Temple Israel community for the leagrams, donations and condolences sent us, at the time of the death of Bonnie's father William Ceder.  
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Thank you to the entire Temple Israel community for the kind leagrams, donations and support, following the loss of Gary's father, J. Edward Kracoff.  
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Thank you to Rabbi Liben and Cantor Ken for a lovely and meaningful baby-naming for our new granddaughter Maya Sydney Berk. You both made a very special occasion even more memorable.  
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Come one, come all to the Sisterhood Judaica Shop start of school year sale. We will have beautiful Tallit on sale! Perfect for your child's upcoming B'nei Mitzvah. There will also be a wide range of Judaica available. Mark your calendars for September 17, 2017.

We will open at 9 am. Hope to see you there. Bonnie Linden



## JULY YAHRZEITS

This list represents the yahrzeits as listed in the Temple database. If we have omitted a name, please call the Temple office at 508.650.3521 x 100, and we will update our records.

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Veta Egilman	Goldie Halpern	Louis Levine	Mabel Potter	Evelyn Segal	Philip Zaltas
William Elovitz	Marcel Heider	Sharon Levy	Ronald Powell		Morris Zimbel



## AUGUST YAHRZEITS

This list represents the yahrzeits as listed in the Temple database. If we have omitted a name, please call the Temple office at 508.650.3521 x 100, and we will update our records.

### This August (Av/Elul) we remember:

Robert Alford	Yale Cohn	Harry Goodwin	Irving Krute	Albert Perlmutter	Gertrude Siegel
Rae Amkraut	Morris Cole	Gerald Gross	Julius Kushner	Reva Plofsky	Sheila Silver
Flora Appelstein	David David	Eva Grunin	Ida Landis	Ethel Pollick	Milton Kaspi Silverman
Judah Aresty	Ricky Doppelt	Max Hadburg	Arline Landman	Shirley Puder	Jack Spivak
Gertrude Artz	Annie Doxer	Flora Hilb Hamburger	Janice Leavitt	Jacob Raider	Samuel Stern
Jonathan Michael Astor	Louis Doxer	Heinrich Hamburger	Fannie Lechan	Irving Roll	Linda Joyce Stone
Ida Barenbom	Beryl Ben Reb Nussen	Celia Heller	Carol Leffkov	Kenneth Rosenberg	Mayer Swartz
Cynthia Baron	Dwin	Rosedora Hirshberg	Maney Leshay	Anna Rosnov	Bella Guttenberg
Henry Bass	Arthur Elias	Louis Hyman	Hyman H. Leventhal	Abraham Rozensain	Taichman
Rose Belson	Jack Elliott	Eva Rosenthal Ikenberg	Edith Levinson	Margaret Rubin	Chuma Taichman
Tina Berman	Dr. Eli Factor	Siegbert Ikenberg	Max Lichtenstein	Frieda Rucovicz	Alvin Tamkin
Annie Bernstein	Moses M. Flaxer	Bertha Jonas	Beatrice Lieberman	Phyllis Salloway	Elizabeth Tarakan
Abraham S. Bloom	Ruth Fleischer	Celia Kaitz	Mathilde E. Lihner	Morris Sapotnicki	Jack Wayne
Helmut Brandt	Samuel Fleischer	Robert Kaitz	Ruth R. Luftman	Sarah Rive Sapotnicki	Jennie Weinfeld
Karen Burg	Aaron Fleisher	Rachel Daitch Karlin	Ann Marder	Fay Schneider	Bernard Wexler
Samuel W. Carlton	Leon Mordechai Fox	Bernard Karp	Bessie Geyerman Matz	Mollie Schneiderman	Clara Wexler
Jay Carson	Fannie G. Freedman	Rose Katz	Hanan Matz	Samuel Sebell	Esther Willens
Rose Cerel	Alta Frohman	Gussie Kaufman	William Meizin	Louis Sharff	
Rose Chotiner	Frank Gerrin	Audrey Keith	Peter Lowell Miller	Hyman Sheff	
Freda Cohen	Samuel Gesson	Kenneth Keith	Sidney Miller	Jennie Sheff	
Gerald Cohen	Jack Goldberg	Nathan Knoff	Herbert Nathanson	Celia Rebecca	
Marcelle Cohen	Samuel Goldberg	Gitla Kogan	Ethel Pearlstein	Sherman	
Florence Cohn	Aaron Goldenberg	Herbert Kreevoy	Chana Pergamin	Sandy Shuster	

## 2017 Aresty Family Award Winning Essays

The family of Victor Aresty funds the Aresty Family Award. This five hundred dollar award is given to one or two high school seniors, who have shown exemplary commitment to Temple Israel and the greater Jewish community. This year's winners are **Amy Azaria** and **Sam Rothkopf**. Following are their essays.

### What Being Jewish Means to Me



When I went to Israel in 2015, my tour group was challenged to think about what Judaism meant to each of us. I thought about how much the meaning of Judaism to me has grown over the years. In elementary school, it meant going to camp with Jews from around the state, learning my family's traditions for the holidays and celebrating holidays with friends and family. After my Bat Mitzvah, I learned the importance of reading from the Torah regularly, becoming active in USY, and seeking out other Jewish activities.

My trip to Israel changed my understanding of Judaism the most. I was in the country where my paternal grandparents met, where my parents met, and where many of my family members have served in the IDF. I gained a deeper appreciation for the prayers I had said so many times at temple. I especially remember a Shabbat I spent at the Western Wall, where my understanding was transformed. While there, I was surrounded by a diverse group of Jews: tourists from around the world in long skirts and backpacks, Hasidic Jews with their hair covered, and soldiers in uniform. It might seem that these disparate groups would have nothing in common; however, this was not the case. Everyone sang and danced together, rejoicing that Shabbat was

beginning. We prayed together and I began to connect to the prayers in a new way. This connection was not only derived from the translation of the Hebrew, but also from the knowledge that no matter our native tongue, we all knew the same Hebrew prayers and melodies that countless generations had shared in the land of Israel.

Coming back to temple I felt an even stronger connection to Judaism. Each prayer and song was now also a reminder of my trip to Israel and my connection to my Jewish heritage. It strengthened my enthusiasm for USY and participating in the Jewish community. That year, I became the Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President of Natick USY. In Israel, I heard from some IDF soldiers about the foundation, PizzalDF, which provides pizza and soda to IDF soldiers. They told me how much it meant to them, knowing that people around the world cared for them while they served. As a board, we decided to donate some of the Tikun Olam money we had raised that year to PizzalDF.

I also joined TeenSafe, a Jewish Family & Children Services initiative combating teen dating abuse. Judaism is about more than just supporting other Jews. With TeenSafe, I have facilitated conversations with Jewish and non-Jewish teens and adults about signs of abuse and how to speak up. Judaism has helped to

teach me that when I act, I need to keep the entire community in mind. Beginning the conversation about an often taboo topic, such as dating violence, helps to form a community of strong men and women. It is so important to me that Judaism's values support everyone – regardless of their religion.

As the co-President of Natick USY, I am able to help others connect to Judaism in their lives because I know the tremendous impact it has had on mine. I try to make it fun for all the teens who are involved so they can share in the enthusiasm I have for USY. I try to ensure there is a range of activities that will pique the interest of Temple Israel teens and kids. It is so rewarding to see the preschoolers and elementary school kids' faces light up at the Purim Carnival after working so hard to organize it. Hopefully, they will become USYers! USY has been another way to engage in Jewish social activities, especially after camp and Prozdor ended. I am always looking for ways to have Jewish activities in my life because it connects me to my family, community, and closest friends.

Ultimately, being Jewish is who I am – it means taking part in a world-wide community which shares my values and customs. No matter where I am, it is where I look to connect. The Jewish community is where I belong.

by Amy Azaria

### Being Jewish Beyond High School: What I Am Taking With Me To College



I have grown up being a rather observant Jew. I started at the Judy Gordon Nursery School in preschool. I attended Metrowest Jewish Day School for nine years, from kindergarten until eighth grade. At MWJDS we prayed most mornings and had Torah learning in the afternoon. This is where I learned the basics of praying and Talmud. However, I learned much more when I attended Camp Ramah in Palmer Massachusetts. This is because at camp we prayed twice a day and studied Torah once a day. We also lived Jewishly 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And throughout my life, of course, there has always been Temple Israel of Natick, where my family has attended Shabbat and holiday services regularly.

When I began high school, my Jewish education really skyrocketed. I continued attending Camp Ramah. I also started attending Prozdor and became very active in United Synagogue Youth (USY). I served on the Natick USY board for several years, before becoming the New England Region Vice President of Communications this past year. I continue to be involved in Natick USY,

and I currently am one of the Shabbat morning babysitters.

Last summer, I was lucky to be able to go on USY's Israel Pilgrimage and Eastern Europe Seminar, traveling to Poland and Germany before going to the Holy Land. That trip was very important to me, as it helped me see our history and relate to Israel on my own, not with my family.

I believe that because Judaism is so prominent in my life right now, it would be a drastic change if I were to disregard it in college. Being Jewish means to me that a person identifies as a Jew and that they have a connection to a Jewish homeland.

Next year I will be attending the University of Vermont. I have already reached out to their Hillel on campus and I am very excited to meet the students who are active there. It seems to be a really nice place where everyone is welcoming.

I am nervous, however, about anti-Israel demonstrations on campus. I have grown up in a sheltered area of the country that is free from large specifically anti-Israel protests. I have experienced protests though.

This past March I attended American Israel Public Affairs Committee's (AIPAC) Policy Conference in Washington D.C. At the conference, I experienced protesters for Boycott,

Divestment and Sanction (BDS). These protesters were very peaceful for the most part, but others are not peaceful.

I personally am a Zionist who believes in the state of Israel. This concerns me though, because recently there has been an uprising in BDS demonstrations and blatant racism against Jews on college campuses. I feel as though it is my duty as a Jewish person to defend my people.

This is part of the reason why I have attended AIPAC for the past two years. At both policy conferences, I attended seminars that talked about how to combat BDS on campus. It is very important to me that if I am ever faced with a situation where people are discriminating against me because I am Jewish, I will have the tools to challenge them.

Moving from high school to college will certainly be a huge change but I know that my Jewish identity will stick with me the rest of my life. I hope to stay active in the Jewish community at college and even moving past college. I want to raise a Jewish family. The Jewish community is a very close knit one and I believe that everybody should be part of a group where they are being looked out for by others. This is why I am going to embody my Judaism for the rest of my life.

by Sam Rothkopf





## MAZEL TOV TO TEMPLE ISRAEL'S 2017 GRADUATES!

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

Gabrielle Avery-Peck	Boston University, doctorate in psychology
Aaron Brandt	Muhlenberg College
Hannah Cohen	Rider University
Daniel Rea	UMass/Amherst
Ethan Ziegler	UMass/Amherst

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

#### Ashland High School

Sam Rothkopf	University of Vermont
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#### Framingham High School

James Druker	
Benjamin Kling	University of Miami
Almog Klopman	
Ari Salinger	Indiana University
Ariel Steinsaltz	College of New Jersey

#### Natick High School

Amy Azaria	University of Pennsylvania
Samantha Barth	Connecticut College

#### Sudbury High School

Sara Bennett

#### Gann Academy

Hannah Avery-Peck	Tulane University
Adam Joress	UMass/Amherst

### MetroWest Jewish Day School (8th grade)

Ilana Talamo

### Solomon Schechter Day School (8th grade)

Aaron Katzman	Ashley Morris
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### PROZDOR

Amy Azaria	Samantha Barth
Benjamin Kling	Sam Rothkopf

### Ida and Charles Gilvarg Religious School

Sydney Atlas	Hannah Gilvarg
Mikayla Henderson	Naomi Hoffman
Ari Klawans	Hadass Novick
Jeremy Rossin	Madeleine Siegal
Eliana Simons	

### Judy Gordon Nursery School

Claudia Cohen	David Dawson
Jessica Finder	Ethan Fishman
Malaina French	Lee Gai
Drew Greenberg	Estrella Gudiel
Violet Kacavich	Liliana Leibowitz
Eli Mis	Lev Pearlstein
Austin Quadrini	Sebastian Schneider
Sela Schneider	Hailey Skipper
Ruby Stein	Jack Washkowitz
Tali Westervelt	

## MetroWest Commemoration of Tisha B'av July 31 and August 1

The Ninth (Tisha) of the Hebrew month of Av is a day of national mourning for the destruction of the first and second Temples and capturing of Jerusalem, in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E., by the Babylonians and Romans, as well as other tragedies in Jewish history. Traditional observances include the same abstentions as for Yom Kippur: food, drink, wearing leather, wearing perfume, bathing, and sexual relations. On Monday night and Tuesday we will read from the Book of Lamentations, attributed to the prophet Jeremiah.

Evening services for Tisha B'av, on Monday, July 31, begin at 9:00 PM. Temple Israel will hold shacharit Tuesday, August 1 at 6:45 am. At 1:00 PM we will hold afternoon mincha services, followed (for those who wish) by our afternoon break-fast, in celebration of the modern-day miracle of the state of Israel and re-unification of Jerusalem. The regular evening service (ma'ariv only) will be at 7:30 PM.

Tish'a B'av Schedule for Tuesday August 1 at Temple Israel:

6:45 AM Morning Shacharit Service  
1:00 PM Afternoon Mincha Service and Break-fast  
7:30 PM Regular Evening Ma'ariv Service





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## Upcoming Events

July 14

BBQ and Barchu

July 20

Hazak: Concert and Picnic

August 1

Tisha B'Av Break-fast

August 29

Meet and Greet Rabbi Ebstein

August 30

JGNS Opening Day

September 20

Erev Rosh Hashanah

## Milestones:

The birth of Ilene and Michael Liebermans' granddaughter Hannah Claire, to their daughter Rachel Lieberman and her husband Mat Vanderhoek.

The birth of Lauren and Gary Kracoff's first grandchild, Maya Sydney, to their daughter Jennifer and her husband Jeremy Berk.

The Bat Mitzvah of Carolyn and Israel Michaeli's granddaughter Yael Michaeli, daughter of Laura and Dan Michaeli.

The marriage of Jaymie Testa, daughter of Donna and Richard Testa, to Robert Falconi.

The election of Emma Freedlander, daughter of Suzzette and Neil Freedlander, to the executive board of USY's New England region.

The election of Micah Rothkopf, son of Francine and David Rothkopf, to the executive board of USY's New England region.

The marriage of Ariel Bruce, daughter of Deborah and Jonathan Bruce, to David Denker.

The 95th birthday of Shirley Woods.

The 55th wedding anniversary of Helen and Jack Segal.

The marriage of Janna Goldberg, daughter of Allen Goldberg, to Stephen Rowe.

The marriage of Betsy Rotberg, daughter of Phyllis and Richard Rotberg, to Randy Barske.

The birth of Lindsay and Josh Goldberg's daughter Ruth Beatrice.

The 73rd wedding anniversary of Rhoda and Nate Levine.

The 59th wedding anniversary of Ricky and Jay Ball.

The engagement of Jacob Karas, son of Lynne Satlof-Karas and Steve Karas, to Michelle Moser.

## Condolences to:

Denise and Sol Roditi on the death of Denise's mother Bertha Sher.