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**Mazal Tov to Our Simchat Torah Honorees**



Kallat Mafir Karen Block      Hatan Bereshit David Singer      Hatan Torah Stuart Alford

Read about our honorees in October's issue of HaKol!

**Adult Education**

Coming Attractions:  
**Hebrew College Comes to Temple Israel!**

Temple Israel Adult Education is finalizing a special collaboration with Hebrew College for both our fall and spring programs for 2017-2018:

A new experimental learning program called "OPEN CIRCLES" — small group courses (8-15 students) meeting a minimum of six times — bringing to TI some the best and most popular faculty members of Hebrew College.

Watch for coming announcements on courses and times.

The Adult Education Committee

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**High Holiday Service Schedule for 2017 (5778)**

September 16 MetroWest Community Selichot services will be hosted by Temple Beth Sholom  
Havdalah, Dessert and Program ..... 8:30 PM  
Selichot Services ..... 9:45 PM (appx)

**ROSH HASHANAH**

September 20 Erev Rosh Hashanah ..... 8:00 PM  
September 21 First Day Rosh Hashanah/Sanctuary & Social Hall ..... 8:30 AM  
First Day Rosh Hashanah/Tent ..... 9:00 AM  
Tashlich – meet at Temple ..... 5:00 PM  
Ma'ariv ..... 6:00 PM  
September 22 Second Day Rosh Hashanah/Sanctuary & Social Hall .... 8:30 AM  
Second Day Rosh Hashanah/Tent– Family Service ... 10:00 AM  
Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:45 PM

**YOM KIPPUR**

September 29 Kol Nidre (Sanctuary/Social Hall/Tent) ..... 6:00 PM  
September 30 Yom Kippur (Yizkor service) Sanctuary & Social Hall ..... 8:30 AM  
Yom Kippur (including Yizkor service) Tent ..... 9:00 AM  
Mincha ..... 4:00 PM  
Final Shofar ..... 7:10 PM (appx)

**SUKKOT**

October 4 Erev Sukkot ..... 7:30 PM  
October 5 First Day Sukkot/Family Service & Lunch ..... 9:15 AM  
Ma'ariv ..... 7:30 PM  
October 6 Second Day Sukkot ..... 9:15 AM  
Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:45 pm  
October 6 Shabbat Hol HaMoed ..... 5:45 AM  
October 7 Morning Services for Hol HaMoed ..... 9:15 AM  
October 9-October 11 Morning Services for Hol HaMoed/Hoshanah Rabbah . .6:30 AM

**SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH**

October 11 Erev Shemini Atzeret ..... 7:30 PM  
October 12 Shemini Atzeret (YIZKOR will be recited) .... 6:30 AM & 9:15 AM  
Ma'ariv - Erev Simchat Torah & Hakafot ..... 7:00 PM  
October 13 Simchat Torah & Congregational Lunch ..... 9:15 AM  
Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:45 PM

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TICKETS EVERY DAY \*\*\*\*\*

**YOUTH SERVICES**  
Grades 1-7  
10:45am-12:45pm  
Rosh Hashanah (9/21 Only)  
and Yom Kippur

**YOUNG FAMILY SERVICES**  
(Ages 2 To Kindergarten)  
11:00am-12:30pm  
Rosh Hashanah (9/21 Only)  
And Yom Kippur  
\*one adult must be present with participating child/children

**Babysitting will be available from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.**

**For additional High Holiday information please see page 6**

## From The Rabbi's Desk: Reaching Towards A Holy Humility



Allow me to share with you a parable from S.Y. Agnon's classic, Days of Awe:

*Once our master, Rabbi Hayyim of Zans, told this parable:*

*A man had been wandering about in a forest for several days, not knowing which was the right way out. Suddenly, he saw a man approaching him in the distance. His heart was filled with joy. "Now I shall certainly find out which is the right way," he thought to himself. When they neared each other he asked the man, "Brother, I have been wandering about in this forest for days. Can you tell me which is the right way out?"*

*Said the other to him, "I do not know the way out either. For I, too, have been wandering about in here for many days. But this I can tell you: do not go the way that I went, for that will surely lead you astray. And now, come let us look for the way out together."*

*Our master added, "And so it is with us. One thing we can tell each other: the way that we have been following until now is not the way. Come, let us join hands and look for the way together."*

For most of us, humility is not our strong suit. There are things in which we are truly expert (and other things in which we like to think we are). We naturally focus on the things that we know and have learned to do well, and we often trumpet our strengths to the world.

Each morning during the month of Elul, however, the trumpeting of the shofar awakens us to a deeper reality. In spite of all of our best intentions, in spite of all of our expertise, we have missed the mark in many things.

But we are hardly alone in this. When we gather together in prayer to usher in a new

year, our humility before God and before one another opens our hearts to new possibilities, to a wiser way of understanding how to live in the world. None of us have all the answers; none of us can go it alone. Together, however, we can take small steps forward in improving ourselves and the community that we share.

My prayer for our Temple Israel community this year is that we learn to listen to views that are different than our own, trusting in each other's integrity and best intentions. My prayer is that we create a safe space by consciously refraining from comparing or judging each other's beliefs and opinions of others. May we create that safe and holy space everywhere, in our sanctuary, around the Kiddush table, at committee meetings or in our social media.

This year, our Israel Engagement Task Force will be working with an organization called Resetting the Table. Our goal is to improve our ability to listen to each other respectfully, valuing our diversity, and relinquishing any expectation of reaching unanimity of opinion. **Please take a few minutes to fill out the online survey that will reach your inboxes.**

At home, our national politics also threaten to divide us. Let us focus on what we share: standing against racism and anti-Semitism in all its forms, and upholding America's promise of freedom and opportunity for all of its inhabitants.

May we have the courage of our convictions, and the confidence to listen clearly to others. And may we and our loved ones be written and inscribed for a year of health, happiness, and fulfillment. Fran, Micah and Deborah, Noah and Nessa, Tali and Gaby, Jonah, Sara and I wish you a Shannah Tova U'Metukah!

**Rabbi Daniel Liben**  
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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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# HaKol

## Deadline

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## September 10

### 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).

### TI's Calendar

is accessible to you on your internet browser!!

Just type in your browser

[www.calendarwiz.com/tiofnatick](http://www.calendarwiz.com/tiofnatick)

Favorite it and have the Temple's up-to-date calendar at your fingertips wherever you are!

### 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.

## The Cantor's Voice



As we approach the new year, I like to contemplate the Hebrew word "Shana", or year, which contains many nuances that help us prepare for the holiday. Shana stems from the same Hebrew root as "leshanot," to change. It has the same letters as sheni, or shenayim, referring to the number two, as the new year provides a second chance. It resonates with the phrase "veshinantam levanecha", from the Shema--"you shall teach them to your child;" "veshinantam" evokes repeating something over and over again to learn it, or perhaps doing it until you get it right, as in Bill Murray's movie "Groundhog Day."

We're all human and have all made mistakes during the past year. Some mistakes are easily corrected; we may realize the error of our ways, apologize, and be forgiven. Habits may take more work to overturn, as we lay down better patterns of behavior. And we may have made more serious mistakes that have hurt those we love in ways that may take a long time to overcome.

## Welcome Dara Rosenblatt!



We are excited to welcome Dara Rosenblatt, a student in the Cantor/Educator program at Hebrew College, as our intern during the 2017-2018 year. We are very grateful to Dara for lending us her talents and energy, and we look forward to her taking part in the life of our community. Please introduce yourselves when you meet her; you may see her observing, teaching, and leading services over the course of the year.

Dara Sage Rosenblatt grew up in Trumbull, Connecticut and is entering her third year of Hebrew College's Cantor-Educator program. Dara attended Muhlenberg College and graduated with a degree in music and a concentration in vocal performance and English. Dara currently serves as the Student Cantor at Temple Beth Am in Framingham,

Massachusetts. Previously, she was a cantorial soloist in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Charleston, South Carolina, and Bridgeport, Connecticut. Dara has also taught for the past two years at Temple Shalom in Newton and continues to tutor B'nai Mitzvah students in the Boston area.

Prior to starting her graduate studies she worked for Hillel at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, engaging students in Jewish life on campus. During the summer months she traveled to Israel and studied at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

Dara's Jewish journey is rooted in her love for Jewish music and the joy that it brings not just to her, but everyone around her. She is excited to join the Temple Israel community as the Cantorial Intern and looks forward to learning and singing with you and Cantor Ken Richmond this year!

The word "shana" means that the cycle of the year is ending, and a new cycle of seasons and holidays is about to start. It means that we have a precious opportunity to change our behavior, and to give ourselves and our friends and family a second chance. It means that we can keep trying until we get it right, that we can continually attempt to improve ourselves, that we can aim to model the kind of behavior that we would like others to emulate. And we can do all of these things at home, in the wider world around us, and in our community.

May the new year 5778 be a year of blessing, in which we may practice hospitality and caring, thoughtfulness and learning, love of our traditions and openness to creativity. LeShana Tova Tikateivu--may we all be inscribed for a good year to come, and may we do all in our power to make this inscription a reality.

**Cantor Ken Richmond**

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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 or 508-405-2853 for more information.

## 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@wellnessstandard.com to be added to our mailing list.

## From the President's Desk



Fellow Congregants,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and that the sunny warm weather continues as we look ahead to the holiday season.

The Temple office has been in High Holiday mode for the past month. Our building will soon transition to a time of joy and celebration. The holidays are a time for us to reflect on from where we have come, and to where we are headed. Having been on the Board for over 10 years, I see where Temple Israel has been and, hopefully, I can apply those experiences as we plan for the coming year. Temple Israel, as well as many other Conservative synagogues, is faced with the challenge of how to sustain and grow our membership and our institution. What must we do to encourage the next generation to be actively involved in our community, and keep our sanctuary and building filled with activity? This is the challenge for this year and the years ahead, for both us and the

Conservative movement. It is so important that Temple Israel maintain its vision and direction, if we are to continue as one of the premier Conservative synagogues in the region. This is my hope for the coming year.

This holiday season brings an end to a very long chapter at Temple Israel. For the first time in more than fifty years, Rabbi Kushner will not be officiating at High Holiday services. We will miss his presence on the bimah, hearing both his commentary during the service and his inspiring sermons. Thank you, Rabbi Kushner, and on behalf of the congregation, I wish you, Suzette, and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

A new chapter begins with the arrival of Rabbi David Ebstein as our second High Holiday Rabbi. Rabbi Ebstein was ordained in 1988 and, after spending seven years as leader of a congregation in Virginia, he and his family made aliyah. Rabbi Ebstein lives in Jerusalem and serves as both a rabbi and an Israeli tour guide. He has traveled back and forth to the

states for many years to lead High Holiday services. We are delighted that Rabbi Ebstein has agreed to come to Temple Israel this year. Please join me in welcoming him to our bimah for the holidays.

High Holiday tickets will be in the mail shortly. If you have not sent in the initial payment on your Temple assessment, as well as your High Holiday Seating Form, please send these today, as both are required to seat you for the holidays. The office has a lot of holiday work to complete, and we do want to be sure that you receive your tickets on time. Please check the Temple website ([www.tiofnatick.org](http://www.tiofnatick.org)) for other information and forms for the High Holidays.

On behalf of my wife, Holly, and my children, Daniel and Bonnie, I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.

L'shanah Tovah,  
David Tursky  
president@tiofnatick.org

# HAZAK NEWS

As the summer winds down, we in HAZAK are grateful that we were able to enjoy being together this season. Even though our concert at Elm Bank was rained out in July; in August we were able to gather for a barbecue, filled with food, drink, music, dance, and games. It's amazing that we never tire of having fun!!

Our calendar is full for the coming year. In fact, there is an activity planned for almost every month, thanks to the creativity and interest of our members. We'll be visiting Fruitlands and museums, attending theater, having a movie night and dinner, playing Bingo, learning more history from Dr. Gary Hylander, and from Jane Blair, and more! To take advantage of all these events, all you have to do is be age 50+ and a member of Temple Israel of Natick. There are no membership fees and

we charge by event, when necessary. We love welcoming new people to our programs and guarantee that once you attend one of our get-togethers, you'll be hooked!

If you are not receiving our e-mails or need more information, let the Temple Office know. We hope to be welcoming you to HAZAK very soon. And, for our incredible and supportive members who are active in HAZAK, thank you for all you've done to make our group so vibrant and successful. We can't wait to see you again!

We wish you all Shanah Tova. May 5778 bring you and your loved ones health, peace, fulfillment, and everything you wish for yourselves.

Marilyn and Joel Feinberg, Elaine and Burt Marmer, and Barbara and Mike Richmond



## SISTERHOOD

Join us on Tuesday, October 17 at 8 pm for the first Sisterhood General Meeting of the year. We will be making a floral wreath for you to display in your home. See you on October 17! Minyan starts at 7:30. Please come if you're able to attend.

### TI Men's Softball Team Clinches Title

Temple Israel's Division II Men's Softball Team clinched the title against Lexington's Temple Emunah. They are now the recipient of the coveted Kiddush Cup!



Back Row: Eli Lederman, Michael Lerner, Cary Schwartz, Jeremy Lechan, Steven Steinsaltz, Jon Shecter, Peter Cohen; Middle Row: Andy Blume, Allen Margulis, Jake Barth; Front Row: Eric Riak, Steve Flammey, Brett Margulis, Spencer Cohen, Josh Berkowitz

### Temple Israel's Golf Tournament

The 13th Annual TI Golf Tournament was held at Glen Ellen Country Club in Millis, on June 19. It was, once again, a great day for all the participants. We raised \$15,000 for the Temple. Over the 13 years we have been running this Tournament, a total of more than \$130,000 has been raised. The Golf Tournament Committee (Bob Gold, Bob Smith, Barry Unger, Arthur White, and Larry Wise) thanks all of the players, sponsors, and volunteers who have participated over the years for helping to make this such a fun and financially successful event!

### Bikur Cholim Visting the Sick

Please inform the Temple office if you, or a loved one, neighbor or friend, is ill or has been hospitalized, and would like a visit from the Clergy or someone from the TI Caring Committee. Take part in the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim.

## 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

### 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

**Enroll your 3rd - 7th grader  
in the PASSPORT  
TO ISRAEL  
program and receive  
FREE MONEY for your  
child's teen trip to Israel.  
For information contact  
Gary Rosenberg  
508-620-0116 or  
garosenberg22@gmail.com**

# JUDY GORDON NURSERY SCHOOL



I have had an amazing first few months as the new director of The Judy Gordon Nursery School at Temple Israel. The community has warmly welcomed me, been very helpful during the transition, and continues to support the mission of our nursery school. I could not have asked for a better start!

Our summer program was a wonderful success. The children enjoyed our weekly themed activities, as well as the warm and sunny days of water play on the playground. Many thanks to Jill London, Olga Vilidnitsky, Paige Mosher, and volunteer Bina Landis, for making the summer program so successful.

Our school year began on August 30. We welcomed back some old friends and said hello to new friends. The teachers and I are very enthusiastic and eager about beginning this adventure with new and

exciting things to come. This year, we have expanded our hours to 7:00 am through 6:00 pm, as well as holiday and vacation optional programming.

As we rebuild our community; we ask you to help us to spread the word about our wonderful, warm, and developmentally based Judaic preschool program. If you know of any families with young children, please encourage them to come and visit.

I am confident that, with time, energy, teamwork and commitment, the Judy Gordon Nursery School will continue to provide a vibrant and sustainable environment in which young children can learn and grow.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.

B'shalom,  
Faye Tonkonogy

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Dear Families,  
(Especially for those of you with pre-teens in Grades 6-8)

With the school year just around the corner, I have exciting news to share about what's in store for our pre-teens.

We've been fortunate to secure two grants that will enable us to engage our Temple Israel pre-teen students and families before, during, and—most crucially—after the B'nai Mitzvah process. Hebrew schools often see a drop in involvement after children become B'nai Mitzvah. With these grants, our educators will have the means, through fresh programming and new approaches, to keep our kids engaged in TI and the broader Jewish community as they enter their teen years.

Temple Israel and Temple Beth Am, Temple Beth Sholom, Metrowest Jewish Day School, and the Jewish Teen Initiative of Greater Boston received a three-year, \$150,000 Teen Engagement grant from CJP (Combined Jewish Philanthropies), the Jim Joseph Foundation. This generous grant gives us new means to invest in our pre-teen education, both formal and informal, in enriching and engaging ways. For starters, we hired a Pre-Teen Engagement Coordinator, Katie Hamelburg, to work with the above named institutions. At Temple Israel, Katie will teach our 6th and 7th graders and build relationships with 6th-8th grade students in and out of the classroom. She will be in touch with your family shortly, to introduce herself.

In addition, we have also received a \$5,000 Metrowest Community Grant that will help fund TELEM and B'nai TELEM, service-based and Jewish-learning programs of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, designed for Jewish teens and B'nai Mitzvah students, respectively. (<http://www.telemetryouth.org/about/> and [http://www.telem youth.org/about/bnai-telem/](http://www.telemetryouth.org/about/bnai-telem/)). Through the B'nai TELEM program, our sixth and seventh grade students will study, in depth, different social justice issues and participate in off-site community service projects throughout the year. Our eighth graders are invited to participate in the TELEM program on Monday nights at Temple Beth Am with their eighth grade students. To sign-up, please email Robin Kahn at: [Robin.Kahn.TIN@gmail.com](mailto:Robin.Kahn.TIN@gmail.com). These programs will provide our pre-teens the opportunity to learn about the value of social justice and to actively practice it.

With the support of these grants, we will provide our pre-teens with educational and social opportunities that will ignite excitement and inspire meaningful connections with each other, with Jewish role models, and with the Metrowest Jewish community. Judaism teaches us to “pray with our feet,” to walk the walk, and to live our values. We're grateful to have secured grants that will allow us to be off and running, as we embark on new adventures in your children's religious education.

Please be in touch with any questions.

**Robin Kahn • 508-650-3521 • [religious@tiofnatick.org](mailto:religious@tiofnatick.org)**

## HIGH HOLYDAY GENERAL INFORMATION

In our continued effort to save postage and paper costs (a significant sum), we will not be mailing a High Holiday packet. All necessary forms (listed below) and the general information previously contained in the mailed packet are on the Temple website ([www.tiofnatick.org/highholidays](http://www.tiofnatick.org/highholidays)).

All forms and any updated information will also be available through a link in our weekly Temple Israel E-newsletter. In this way, you may download only the forms and information pertinent to you and your family. If you need to have any of these forms, or other materials, sent to you by snail mail, please contact the Temple Office at 508-650-3521, ext. 100.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY THE NOTED DUE DATE AND WILL ONLY BE PROCESSED IF ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT IN FULL AS REQUIRED BY EACH EVENT**

Seating Form and Instruction letter – if you have not completed this form or need a form – please call the Temple Office immediately

### FORMS

Yizkor Memorial Book Form  
Challah (Pareve) Order Form  
Young Family & Youth Services Form  
Lulav & Etrog Order Form  
Handicap Parking Reservation Request

### DUE DATE

9/5/2017  
9/12/2017  
9/13/2017  
9/27/2017  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

# HIGH HOLYDAY GENERAL INFORMATION

## HANDICAP INFORMATION

This year we have once again set aside the entire lower back parking lot of the synagogue for those with HP designated plates. Please be respectful of those people who do require these spaces. You will be asked to move your car if you do not have the appropriate license plate or handicap mirror tag. If you require a handicap parking space or special arrangements for handicapped or wheelchair seating, please call the Temple office (508-650-3521 ext 100) or complete the form on [www.tiofnatick.org/highholidays](http://www.tiofnatick.org/highholidays).

The rear entrance to the synagogue foyer is wheelchair accessible. Those needing assistance entering the building may be dropped off in circular driveway at the front of the building. Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance listening system and a limited number of large print Mahzorim are available. When you arrive at services, please ask an usher for either item. In the case of a medical emergency, an AED is located in the Chapel ark – immediately to the right of the Torahs.

## COMMUNICATION AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Congregants are asked not to bring cell phones or beepers into services. If you are a health care professional on-call, please put your cell phone/beeper on "vibrate". If you are fasting and feel ill, Jewish law permits you to cease fasting. Juice and challah will be available in the kitchen during all services for those congregants who require food with their medication.

## SPECIAL TICKET CIRCUMSTANCES

For Temple members, in good standing, who may be traveling during the High Holydays and wish to attend another Conservative congregation, there are courtesy seating request forms available. Please call the Temple office for help in making these arrangements. Out-of-town guests who are members of a United Synagogue affiliate, must have their synagogue administrator send a letter (on letterhead) to Temple Israel stating they are members in good standing and we will provide complimentary tickets (Sanctuary surcharge of \$60 will apply). Complimentary tickets for active duty military personnel are available upon presentation of a valid military identification card. Additionally, if you know that your seats will not be used, don't let them go to waste; please inform the Temple office. Your mitzvah will enable a college student or someone else with need to attend services at this most sacred time of year.

The High Holydays are also a prime season for "shul shoppers." Please suggest Temple Israel to your friends/family who might be in this group. For those who attend High Holyday services and subsequently join Temple Israel by the end of the (secular) year, the price of their ticket(s) will be applied toward their first year's membership dues. Where there is financial hardship, dues can be adjusted – no one is denied membership due to fiscal restraints. Those who need financial consideration will have their privacy and dignity respected.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah (9/21) and on Yom Kippur (9/30) we will have Youth Services for children in grades 1-7; children who attend Jewish day schools should join the appropriate age group. Services will begin promptly at 10:45 am and conclude at 12:45 pm.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah (9/21) and Yom Kippur (9/30), the Young Family Service will start at 11:00 am and end at 12:30 pm. This service (age 2-Kindergarten) is the only service where one or both parents are required to stay with their children for the entire time. This interactive, unique and lively program will integrate worship, music, and storytelling; a healthy snack will be provided.

All of our services are carefully planned and staffed to provide a safe, meaningful and age-appropriate High Holiday experience. The children will learn about the High Holydays through crafts, music, stories, and prayer. Kosher snacks will be provided. Please complete all necessary reservation form(s) promptly; Forms may be found on [www.tiofnatick.org/highholidays](http://www.tiofnatick.org/highholidays).

We will again hold a Family Service on the second day of Rosh Hashanah (9/22) in the tent. Beginning at 10:00 am and ending at 12:00 pm, this warm, meaningful creative service is filled with joy, song, story, and of course, shofar blowing; it will be led by Rabbi Liben and Cantor Ken and is geared for families with children of all ages.

In general, young children are invited to join their parents at services in all locations prior to the start of children's services - however - we ask that you respect the needs of those praying around you by removing your child promptly should he/she become noisy or fussy. We suggest you may want to sit near an exit in order to be able to leave quickly and quietly. There is no better time than Rosh Hashanah to begin teaching our children directly, and by example, the principal Jewish value of "derekh erez", civility and respect for other human beings.

Please remember - in order to maintain overall decorum and a sense of spirituality during services, we ask that you take responsibility to assure that your children are either in their assigned program or with you at all times. Please do not let your children wander around the building or loiter in the foyer or outside. Your vigilance in this area will allow all of us to celebrate a very rich and dignified High Holyday experience.

## CHILDCARE/BABYSITTING

There will be NO Young Family Service or Youth Service the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah (9/22). Complementary babysitting will be provided in the school wing from 10:00 am-1:00 pm all three days

We will have a room on the Nursery School level and the Chapel open from 9:30 am-1:00 pm both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur for any parents and children who need a "break from adult services". The Sanctuary Service will be piped into the Chapel, but not into the Nursery School room. Please make sure you and your children leave both of these areas in the same condition that you found them. Please be especially careful of the toys and books in lower level rooms – they belong to the Nursery School and must remain in the room at all times. Due to dietary restrictions and food allergies, outside food will not be allowed in babysitting, except for children with special dietary requirements. Please do not bring any food containing nuts.

## SECURITY

High Holyday preparations are in high gear and the building and grounds are in top-notch condition. We need your cooperation in our efforts to balance the protection of the congregation while maintaining the open and welcoming character for which we are known. Today, security is a critical factor that we must consider when planning any synagogue event. With regard to High Holyday services, the Board of Directors has been actively involved in creating a safe, secure environment. We continue to have conversations with Police, Fire, and Safety Marshall personnel from the town of Natick. They have been both cooperative and sensitive to our situation and needs.

While we are in services, we will use a professional security service to patrol both inside and outside of the building. At certain high traffic times, police will help direct the flow of cars. The Police Department has also assured us they will step-up their "pass through" drives at the synagogue at off peak hours during, prior to, and after the High Holydays and Chaggim.

# HIGH HOLYDAY GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TICKETS EACH TIME YOU ENTER THE BUILDING.** Everyone arriving with a ticket will be admitted immediately. Anyone who does not have a ticket and who is not listed on our Membership Roster could be screened and under certain conditions, there is a possibility those people will not be admitted to the

building. Tickets are for the family member(s) named and are not transferable. Continuing the precautions instituted in the last few years, any items brought into the synagogue may be subject to search.

It is our belief that by following these procedures, the safety and security of all congregants can best be ensured. By adopting

these common sense precautionary measures, we can all feel comfortable and safe worshipping and socializing in our building and on our grounds. In light of these procedures, we recommend that you allow extra time for entering the building/tent before all services. We ask for your understanding, cooperation, and patience throughout this process.

## HIGH HOLYDAY DEREKH ERETZ - COMMON COURTESIES

In order to provide an environment that is conducive to prayer and meditation and a meaningful and comfortable experience for the large number of people attending services, we ask that you please review and respect the following requests:

- Please refrain from talking in the Sanctuary foyer or the area immediately around the tent. This noise carries into the services and is very disruptive.
- We understand that you wish to sit with your family and friends, but in consideration of those who are looking for places in the unreserved open seating section of the Social Hall on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, please do not place your personal possessions across an entire row or save seats beyond 10:00am. The ushers will have a sense of where there are empty seats. Please follow their directions.
- Please limit baby/children food to bottles, sippy cups and dry foods (cereal/cookies etc). To comply with fire codes and to keep the aisles open, strollers must remain outside the Sanctuary, Social Hall and Tent. When selecting items to keep your children occupied, please remember that no noisy toys, electronic games, writing or coloring activities are permitted.
- During certain portions of the service, ushers will not permit anyone to enter or leave the service unless it is an emergency. The ushers play a key role in maintaining the dignity and smooth flow of the services; please be respectful of these volunteers and follow their instructions.
- We realize that you need to enter and leave for child arrangements and other reasons, but please keep this activity to a bare minimum, and do so quickly and quietly. When possible, please leave at a natural break in the service – when the ushers open the doors, when the Rabbi seats the congregation etc.
- At the conclusion of each service, please return any borrowed tallit or kippot to the tables in the foyer or to the back of the tent; please do not leave pledge cards or other papers on your seat or the floor.
- Many congregants have indicated that they are allergic to scents. Please use these products sparingly.
- Please respect the Yom Tov by not smoking, writing, using a cell phone, camera, pager or any electronic hand-held device anywhere on the Synagogue grounds.

## FAQ's - Family Service In The Tent

### What will the service look like?

The service is scheduled for 10:00 am-noon.

10:00 We will sing opening prayers, Shema, and the Amida

10:45 Torah reading, with a question to answer after each portion. We will skip the Haftarah.

11:15 We will include a full complement of shofar blasts. The musaf service will consist of liturgical highlights and Rabbi Liben will tell stories to introduce the sets of shofar blasts. Cantor Ken will play guitar and we hope to do some enthusiastic singing.

### Who is the service geared towards?

Everyone is invited! We are not holding our usual Youth or Young Family Services on second day so that these children and their families can join us in the tent. **We will be providing babysitting in the school wing starting at 10:00 am both**

**days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.** Also, you may leave your child/ren with babysitters at noon for a snack during the sermon

### What if I don't have any kids with me?

If you enjoy being with lots of children and would like to try out this more informal service, with songs, stories, and guitar playing, please join us!

### Where do I sit?

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah only (9/22), there will be open seating in the tent and social hall. Come a few minutes early to get a good seat! Open seating will not be available in the Sanctuary.

### What prayer book will we use?

We will use the Lev Shalem Mahzor, which includes translations, transliterations, and interesting readings. We will skip around much more than in the traditional services.

### What about the sermons?

Rabbi Liben (tent) and Rabbi Ebstein (sanctuary/social hall) will deliver their sermons shortly after noon (12:10-ish), after the conclusion of the family service. Families with young children have the option of leaving them with teen babysitters during the sermon. We will try to leave a few minutes for people to move from outside to inside or vice versa before the sermon.

### Is there any extra charge for this service?

No

### Who will be leading the service?

Our clergy, Rabbi Dan Liben and Cantor Ken Richmond

### What are the other options?

Rabbi Ebstein and Joel Sussman will lead their traditional second day service in the sanctuary and social hall.

# TASHLICH -(TO CAST AWAY) SERVICE

## Thursday, September 21 at 5:00 pm

The Tashlich service offers a physical means toward the spiritual task of renewal. During this service, which traditionally takes place on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, (or the second day if the first is a Shabbat) we toss pieces of bread into a living body of water. (any stream, brook, lake or river will do) These crusts of bread represent the sins and regrets which we wish to throw away. The water then carries away our mistakes, and we emerge from the ceremony

cleansed and prepared for renewal. The practice is based on a verse from the book of the Prophet Michah (Michah 7:19) ...

*V'tash-likh bim-tsulot yam kol hatotam*

"And you shall cast all your sins into the depths of the sea"

There are no special prayers for Tashlich, however, there are several readings relating to teshuvah (repentance) and selichot

(forgiveness) that are very appropriate. Families with young children are encouraged to introduce them to this lovely aspect of the holiday. We will be gathering at the Temple at 4:45 pm and walking together to the brook on Boden Lane for the Tashlich service at 5:00 pm. (Bring your own bread to cast into the brook on Boden Lane.)

## HOLIDAY SERVICES CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Young Family Service and Youth Services are on September 21 and September 30 only.**

**Young Family Service with Rav Shira from 11:00 am-12:30 pm** for families of children ages preschool-Kindergarten

**Youth Services - 10:45 am to 12:45 pm** Grades 1-2; Grades 3-4; Grades 5-7

**Rosh Hashanah 2nd day – Friday, September 22 Family Service in the Tent - 10:00 am-12 noon with Rabbi Liben & Cantor Ken** and geared to families with children of all ages

**Babysitting** will be available 10:00 am-1:00 pm for children ages 2 and above both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (please refer

to the Google link below for further information) Registration is required for babysitting and these services

Please complete this form online - [goo.gl/TGKfoh](http://goo.gl/TGKfoh) no later than 9/13/2017

You may also find the link for registration at: [www.tiofnatick/highholidays](http://www.tiofnatick/highholidays)

## WHAT IS THE KOL NIDRE APPEAL?

Each year, on the eve of the most hallowed day of the year, we all gather together for a solemn night of prayer, reflection, and fundraising. Indeed, there seems, on the surface, to be a strange disconnect between an Aramaic prayer annulling our vows to God, and an annual fundraising effort.

The solicitation of donations on Yom Kippur can be traced as far back as 1916 when American Rabbis appealed for money to support Jews from Eastern Europe who were suffering as a result of the First World War. In the past one hundred years, this practice has spread throughout the United States and Europe. It is

fair to say that the Kol Nidre appeal is the largest single worldwide Jewish fundraiser. If you have not previously supported the Temple Israel of Natick Kol Nidre appeal, we ask that you consider this fact and that you join with other Jews around the world and support your synagogue.

We are told that "Teshuvah, Tefillah, and Tzedaka remove the evil of the decree". What better day of the year than Erev Yom Kippur for us to begin these practices, and what better tzedaka than the act of supporting your synagogue?

This year the Kol Nidre Appeal Committee has two concurrent goals: to increase the voluntary contribution from prior donors, and to achieve 100% participation from the congregation. To achieve these goals we need your help. If you have previously given, please consider increasing your gift this year by any amount. If you have never given before, please, please, please, join this important effort to support our congregation. We will be grateful for any amount that you can contribute.

Jon Miller and Stuart Alford  
on behalf of the Kol Nidre Appeal Committee

## HIGH HOLYDAY FOOD DRIVE

Get your year off to a great start with the mitzvah of providing food to the hungry. Please join our annual High Holydays Food Drive benefiting an area food pantry. As we fast this Yom Kippur, we will again join hundreds of other congregations, representing all four major movements, in collecting food for the hungry. Together we can continue the Torah tradition of leaving the produce of the corners of our fields for the needy.

Between 18 and 20 million Americans are estimated to go hungry year round; eight million who are suffering from hunger are children. When you come to **Kol Nidre services, (Friday evening, September 29)** please bring

a quantity of non-perishable high protein food (canned goods, cereal, rice, beans, pasta, peanut butter or other dry staples - please no glass containers) or baby formula for our annual food drive. Ben Greenberg has again graciously donated a vehicle for use in both collecting and distributing the food.

Yom Kippur's emphasis on teshuvah (repentance), tzedakah (righteous giving), and abstinence is given very clear and immediate embodiment in the quantity of food we collect each year. The timing of this particular project has spiritual significance - on Yom Kippur morning, we read in Isaiah: "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? ... Is it not to deal thy bread

to the hungry?" and material significance - our donations to local Natick food shelters help fill the under stocked shelves between the summer season and the more bountiful contributions of the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. By donating food to feed the hungry and homeless, we will continue to answer Isaiah's call.

When our many members participate in this hunger relief drive, our Congregation substantially contributes to meeting the hunger needs of our greater community. Please join the numerous Temple families who have made this program a significant and satisfying part of their Yom Kippur experience.



# YOUTH UPDATE

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Youth Programming for the 2017-2018 school year will again be available for all students in our community who are in grades K-12. Programs will vary throughout the year and will be planned with specific age groups in mind. Please make sure that you register your K-12 student for Youth Programming by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/TIYouthRegistration2017>. Our award winning Youth group, Natick USY, is looking forward to another successful year so make sure you are a part of it!

Here are some of the program dates for this fall. Mark your calendars now!

- Grade K-2 Programs: October 22, November 19**
- Grade 3-5 Programs: September 17, October 29, November 19**
- Grade 6-8 Programs: September 10, October 1, October 27, November 17-19**
- Grade 9-12 Programs: September 10, October 1, October 27, November 4**
- Youth Lounge Grades 8-12: August 31, October 19, November 9**

**Save the Date: TRIVIA NIGHT is November 18th!** Our very popular Trivia Night is back and you won't want to miss out on an amazing evening. Trivia Night is an event for adults. All proceeds from the evening benefit Youth Programming at Temple Israel of Natick.

If you are interested in joining the Youth Committee, a dedicated group of adult Temple members that supports Youth programming throughout the year, please reach out to Suzzette Freedlander, Youth Committee Chair. We would love to have you as a part of the Youth Programming Team.

If you have any questions or concerns about Youth Programming at Temple Israel of Natick, please let me know.

Looking forward to another wonderful year together.

Michelle Nelson  
Youth Programming Coordinator  
Mnelson@tiofnatick.org

## SEPTEMBER 2017 / ELUL 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 10 Elul Kabbalat Shabbat, 5:45 pm	<b>2</b> 11 Elul Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Simons Shabbat Service 9:15 am
<b>3</b> 12 Elul	<b>4</b> 13 Elul Labor Day Temple Office closed	<b>5</b> 14 Elul Religious School Grade 7 Parents meeting with Clergy, 8:00 pm Sisterhood Board meeting, 8:00 pm Executive Board meeting, 8:00 pm	<b>6</b> 15 Elul Line Dancing 10:00-11:00 am	<b>7</b> 16 Elul JGNS Curriculum Night 7:00-9:00 pm Israeli Dancing 8:00-9:00 pm	<b>8</b> 17 Elul Kabbalat Shabbat, 5:45 pm	<b>9</b> 18 Elul Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Hoffman Shabbat Service, 9:15 am Youth Services, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
<b>10</b> 19 Elul Hazak Fruitlands Museum, Harvard, MA Youth Event, Grades 6 – 12 JNF Speaker and Breakfast, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Welcome Back Picnic for K-7 parents, 10:00 am-12:00 pm	<b>11</b> 20 Elul	<b>12</b> 21 Elul First Day of Religious School, 4:00 – 6:00 pm Apples and Honey Olympics, Grades 4-6, 4:00 pm Board of Directors' meeting, 8:00 pm	<b>13</b> 22 Elul Line Dancing, 10:00-11:00 am Apples and Honey Olympics, Grades 4-6, 4:00 pm Men's Club Board meeting, 8:00 pm	<b>14</b> 23 Elul Education Committee meeting, 7:00-9:00 pm Israeli Dancing, 8-9:00 pm TI Israel Film Club & Hadassah movie: Hate Spaces, 8:00 pm	<b>15</b> 24 Elul Kabbalat Shabbat, 5:45 pm	<b>16</b> 25 Elul Selichot at Temple Beth Shalom, 8:30 pm Shabbat babysitting, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
<b>17</b> 26 Elul Men's Club tent set-up USY Board meeting Youth Event, Grades 3-5 1st day of Religious School, Grades K-2, 9 am-12 pm Family Selichot program, bagels and coffee, 9:00 am	<b>18</b> 27 Elul	<b>19</b> 28 Elul	<b>20</b> 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 8:00 pm	<b>21</b> 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah Sanctuary/Social Hall Service, 8:30 am Rosh Hashanah Tent Service, 9:00 am Tashlich-meet at TI 5:00 pm Ma'ariv 6:00 pm	<b>22</b> 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah Sanctuary/Social Hall Service, 8:30 am Rosh Hashanah Tent Service, 9:00 am Kabbalat Shabbat, 5:45 pm	<b>23</b> 3 Tishrei Shabbat Service, 9:15 am
<b>24</b> 4 Tishrei Youth Event, Grades K-2 Community Tashlich program, Cochituate State Park, 10:30 am-12 pm	<b>25</b> 5 Tishrei	<b>26</b> 6 Tishrei Line Dancing, 10:00 -11:00 am	<b>27</b> 7 Tishrei	<b>28</b> 8 Tishrei	<b>29</b> 9 Tishrei JGNS closes at noon Both Kol Nidre Services, 6:00 pm	<b>30</b> 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur Service, Sanctuary/Social Hall, 8:30 am Yom Kippur Tent Service, 9:00 am Mincha, 4:00 pm Final shofar, approx 7:10 pm

## SUMMER D'VAR TORAH SERIES

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Summer D'var Torah series!

Jordan Singer  
Rabbi Harold Kushner  
Gretchen Brandt  
Alan Stein

Paula Jacobs  
Rabbi Shira Shazeer  
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Mother Chana Pergamin, from Sofia Khlyap

Elizabeth Tarakan, from Sherrie Barlas

Jane Mulsman, mother of Randy Singer, from Nancy and Donald Fried-Tanzer

Beloved mother Sylvia Richman, from Arlene Bresner Mollie Kravitz, from David Levenson

**Religious School**

(Ida and Charles Gilvarg Memorial)

**In honor of:**

The Bar Mitzvah of our grandson Jeremy Rossin, from Rita and Jon Edelson

**In memory of:**

George Baritz, from Richard Baritz  
Mother and grandmother Ann Frank, from Ellen Frank and Michael Herzberg

**Rosenthal Mitzvah Fund**

**In memory of:**

Sylvia Richman, from Lorraine Garber  
Sandy Hurwitz, and in appreciation of Bonnie and Joel Rosenthal's help and support, from Joseph Hurwitz; The Hurwitz Children

**Sanctuary Renovation Fund**

**In memory of:**

Father Henry Bass, from Sheldon Bass

**Temple Book Fund**

**In memory of:**

Samuel Trockman, from The Trockman Family

**2017 Torah Mantles Campaign**

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Hannah Avery-Peck's graduation from Gann Academy, from Eileen Peck

**Wiener/Wolfson Caring Committee Fund**

**In memory of:**

Sister Sharon Levy, from Sheila and Bill Wolfson  
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Jane Mulsman, mother of Randy Singer, from Ellen Frank and Michael Herzberg

**Nathan and Rhoda Levine Scholarship Fund**

**In memory of:**

Rhoda's beloved aunt Rose Katz, from Rhoda and Nate Levine  
Rhoda's beloved mother Mollie Schneiderman, from Rhoda and Nate Levine

**USY Activity Fund**

**In honor of:**

The marriage of Janna Goldberg, daughter of Allen Goldberg, to Stephen Rowe, from The Nelson Family

**In memory of:**

Zev Wolf, from Judy Joffe  
Elizabeth Brandt, and Anne and Helmut Brandt, from Gretchen and Stewart Brandt  
Bernie Freedlander, father of Neil Freedlander, from The Nelson Family  
Irwin Kopin, father of Gail Windmueller and Alan Kopin, from Margie Matross and Dubi Gordon

Thank you to the Temple community for the support, meals, Leagrams and donations after the passing of our mother, Bertha Sher. Your support is priceless.  
~ Denise and Sol Roditi and family

We have no words to describe how truly wonderful the Temple Israel community is! Thank you to everyone who helped us get through the loss of Neil's Dad – for the leagrams, in memoriams, donations, cards, food and shoulders.  
-Suzzette and Neil Freedlander and Family

We would like to thank Rabbi Liben, Cantor Ken and all of our Temple friends for the kind condolence messages sent to us in memory of Michael's stepmother Ruth Winer.  
- Marla and Michael Winer

With much appreciation for the leagrams, donations, visits, and meals provided for my family at the time of the death of my mother, Jane Mulsman.  
- Randy Singer and family

With sincerest appreciation to all my family and friends who participated in the Shabbat service and luncheon on July 15, such a memorable event for me. Even though Natick is no longer my official address, I hope that Temple Israel will continue to be "home," and that I continue the valuable and cherished friendships that have been a part of my life for so many years.  
- Many, many thanks, Marcia Rowe

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### MetroWest Jewish Day School

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**Connect the Tots Fall Festiva, Featuring Big Joe the Storyteller Monday, October 9 at 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.** Join us for an afternoon of laughter and fun! Big Joe the Storyteller will entertain us with stories from 12:30-1:30 pm. We will have snacks, mitzvah projects and crafts too! This event is geared toward families with kids ages 2-6. Cost: FREE! RSVP by email or phone: [beth.null@mwjds.org](mailto:beth.null@mwjds.org) or 508-620-5554.

**MWJDS Fall Open House, Sunday, October 22 at 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm** Prospective families are invited to attend our Fall Open House. Come meet some of our teachers, students and parents, tour our campus, visit our classrooms, and check out our outdoor playspace. MWJDS is a vibrant pluralistic Jewish community and offers student centered learning, strong Jewish values, and hands-on project based curricula. Our program is multi-lingual and includes Hebrew and Spanish instruction in all grades. Financial aid, after-school programming, and transportation options are available. Now offering bus service from Newton, Sharon and Worcester. Please contact Beth Null (508-620-5554 or [beth.null@mwjds.org](mailto:beth.null@mwjds.org)) to RSVP or for more information about MWJDS.

**SAVE THE DATE: MWJDS Annual Gala, Sunday, November 19, 2017 Honoring Drs. Francene & Rav-Hazzan Scott Sokol**

### JNF Community Breakfast on Sept. 10

The Jewish National Fund is hosting the Second Annual MetroWest Community Breakfast for Israel on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at Temple Israel of Natick. Chaired by Dubi Gordon, this complimentary event will start with registration and a kosher breakfast at 10:00 am, followed by the program at 10:30 am.

"Israel Beyond the Conflict: Innovation, Creativity, and Improving the World," will be the topic addressed by Zeev Ben-Shachar, Director of Israel Education for Jerusalem University, a JNF partner organization.

In addition to Ben-Shachar's talk, attendees will learn about the vision of the Jewish National Fund and how it provides a unique voice in building a prosperous and secure future for the land and people of Israel. JNF strives to enhance the quality of life for all of Israel's citizens and translates these advancements to the world beyond. JNF is "greening" the desert with millions of trees, building thousands of parks across Israel, creating new communities and cities for generations of Israelis to call home, bolstering Israel's water supply, helping develop innovative arid agriculture techniques, ensuring that no citizen is left behind by making parks and public spaces inclusive for people with disabilities and special needs, and educating both young and old alike about the founding and importance of Israel and Zionism.

For more information, contact Gali Gordon, Campaign Executive, JNF Future Boston at [ggordon@jnf.org](mailto:ggordon@jnf.org) or 617-423-0999 ext. 814. An RSVP to the breakfast is required by September 5, 2017 at [jnf.org/metrowest](http://jnf.org/metrowest).

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## Sisterhood Judaica Shop

I am stepping down after two successful years as Judaica Shop Chair. Thank you so much for your support and for choosing the Judaica Shop for your Judaica purchases. Welcome, Bonnie Linden, our new Judaica Shop Chair - Julie Sudenfield. 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.

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# SEPTEMBER 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 September (Elul/Tishrei) we remember:

Samuel Abramson	Bernice Corn	Ruth Goldstein	Harry William Kolpack	Enid Polansky	Nathan Shindler
Emma Aesty	Nathaniel Cushing	Judy Gordon	Anna Kramer	Dr. Nelson L. Portnoy	Bernice Siegel
Rosa Aschman	John Drew	Morris J. Gordon	Mollie Kravitz	Helen Posner	Annie E. Silverman
Mitchell Barlas	Leonard Drew	Goldie Green	Bertha Kreevoy	Samuel Puder	Sam Simon
Charles Baron	Beatrice Barach Elias	Helen Green	Ralph Kriger	Harvey Raider	Steven Ira Stern
Annie Berenson	Benjamin Elkind	Anna Gross	Morris Landesman	Sandra Rodgin	David Stuchinsky
Sara Helen Bizoff	Ethel Elkins	Alexander Hahn	Alvan Levenson	Beatrice Rommell	Zena Stuchinsky
Ruth Jorek Blocher	Alvin Ellis	Benjamin Heller	Dora Levenson	Joseph Rosen	Sigmund Thomas
Frank Block	Myra Ellis	Annie Hirschberg	Shirley Levenson	Jennie Rosenthal	Maurice Unger
Mollie Mae Block	Samuel Elovitz	Charlotte Jaffe	Jacob Moses Levin	Larry Rothkopf	Rose Unger
Bertha Bornstein	Dorothy Estabrook	Mitchell Simon Jaffe	Mitchell Levin	Saul Rozowsky	Doris Vale
Henry Brandt	Stanley Feldman	Beatrice Joress	Lillian Clara Lichtenberg	Samuel L. Rubin	Gregory Vilidnitsky
Pearl Bretner	Alberto Fischman	Irene Kahn	Elaine Frank Lieberman	Haskell Saxe	David Wasserman
Robert Brockman	Sophie Geller	Tillie Cohen Kamy	Arthur H. Litwack	Gertrude Saunders	Ethel Waters
Annie Brooks	Leanne Gitell	Isaac Kaplan	Benjamin Markman	Meyer Saval	William E. Woods
Sydell Challant	Mildred D. Goldman	Abraham Isaac Katz	Annette Matross	Michael Schneider	Frances B. Wyner
Dorothy Chursed	Mollie Goldman	Sadie Katz	Bessie Miller	Fannie Schnitzer	Gertrude Zide
Irving Chursed	Charlotte Goldstein	Molly Katzman	Dave Miller	Audrey Schwartz	Leonard Zola
Anna Rachel Cohen	Isadore Meyer	Tillie Kessler	Louis Mordis	Perry David Schwartz	Mollie Zola
Herman Cohen	Goldstein	Irving Kloper	Efim Pergamin	Celia Shapiro	
Annette Comeras	Nathan Goldstein	Mordecai Kohen	Louis Pike	Annette Shindler	

## Thank You Note from Reverend Markman, Hartford Street Presbyterian Church

Yesterday was amazing! On Saturday one of our members called to let me know that we had a plumbing problem — the sewer line to the street was completely clogged and any water that was used in the building was spilling out into the basement. AA had been using the building and by the time it was discovered we had 2" of water across most of the basement floor. A number of members showed up with wet dry vacs to clean up the mess, but with a completely clogged sewer line it was difficult to get the water out of the basement. A drain company finally came at about 3:00 pm in the afternoon and were able to clear the line, but we also knew we couldn't put the building back into useable condition by the morning. At about 2:00 pm we had made the decision that we would either have to find a different location for our service or cancel, but we had a special service for Sunday. One of our Cameroonian families was dedicating their baby to God. That means there would be family traveling from out of town to be part of the service and weeks of planning had gone on by the family for this day.

I was at a loss as to what to do, when it occurred to us that we could ask the Temple, but it was the Sabbath — so we knew we could not call by phone. I walked down to the Temple and was immediately warmly greeted by a number of members who were in the lobby. (Which was surprising because having been helping with the clean up I looked pretty bad.) One of the members listened to my dilemma and found Cantor Ken who was more than glad to see me even in my rather miserable appearance and perhaps smell as well. I told Ken the situation and with no hesitation Ken said "You are more than welcome to use our sanctuary tomorrow. What do you need?"

Sunday morning was beautiful. We had a good crowd and the family with the baby was so pleased and so impressed that the Temple had stepped up and offered us a place to worship when we were in need. The service went beautifully. Our members who had been part of the church for many years spoke warmly of our strong relationship with the Temple over many years. As word went out late Saturday to the congregation about our change in venue our 93-year-old member called to make sure I knew the whole history of our wonderful relationship with the Temple. At the reception for the baby dedication after the service our new immigrant members spoke at length about how deeply appreciative they were at the warm welcome we were given by the Temple.

It was an amazing day in so many ways. Without the Temple we would not have had a place to worship and dedicate this new child. Many of our immigrant members have only a very tangential relationship with Judaism so yesterday was a true and incredibly good learning experience. I opened my sermon by letting the congregation know that Jesus would have been very at home in the Temple — "for the New Testament tells us that it was his custom to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath." I continued, "And today we are present in the roots of our faith, the parent that gave birth to us and now shelters us in the midst of our storm."

It was an amazing day. A good learning experience for some and a confirmation for others about our long term and excellent relationship with the Temple. A profuse thank you and deep appreciation is the least of what I can say for the way the Temple treated us over the weekend!

Shalom,  
Eric

## News from Temple Israel's Literacy Team

In 1997, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston (JCRC) launched the GBJCL (Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy) under the CJP umbrella. The GBJCL's mission was to recruit, train, and place hundreds of volunteer tutors in local school systems. Temple Israel became a partner in 1998.

We congratulate Ann Daitch, who is taking over leadership of Temple Israel's Literacy Team

from Cindy Lutch. For the past three years, Cindy has been the coordinator of the team, which works in Framingham's Hemenway and George P. King Schools. We thank Cindy for her commitment and efforts, and know that Ann will continue Cindy's dedication to the program.

Ann and her husband Herb live in Framingham and have been Temple members for over 25 years. Ann also volunteers for Jewish Family Services as a patient navigator for the elderly

and sings in Temple Israel's choral group Ranana. Prior to retiring, Ann worked for eighteen years as an employment specialist for individuals with disabilities and, before that, for nine years as a pre-school teacher at Temple Israel's Judy Gordon Nursery School.

For more information on this important program, and to volunteer, please contact Ann at [ann.daitch@gmail.com](mailto:ann.daitch@gmail.com).

## Concert fundraiser features NAVA TEHILA

As part of the "Israel's 70th" theme for Temple Israel of Natick, this year's concert fundraiser features NAVA TEHILA, Israeli song and spirituality leaders.

Rooted in Middle Eastern, Hasidic, contemporary Israeli, and other world music, Nava Tehila's original compositions - alternately celebratory, meditative, joyful, and reflective - are designed to be participatory with congregation or concert audience alike, enabling the spirit to soar. Hebrew for "beautiful praise", Nava Tehila was founded in a Jerusalem living room on Shabbat Shirah in 2005, and has become one of the Jewish

world's most innovative musical prayer communities. Their original melodies can now be heard and sung in synagogues across Israel and throughout the world. Nava Tehila has a refreshing litany of totally original music, appealing to everyone fortunate enough to be in their audience! We are truly honored to be able to bring them to Temple Israel on Sunday night, December 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Event coordinators are Sue Rodgin and Dubi Gordon. They are in the process of creating committees to organize the concert. Please contact them if you are interested in helping with planning this very special event.

**Save the Date:**  
**Nava Tehila-Israeli song  
and spirituality leaders**  
**Performing at**  
**Temple Israel of Natick**  
**on Sunday**  
**December 10, 2017**  
**at 7:00 pm.**

## A Trip to New Orleans with the Jewish Teen Initiative *by Samantha Barth*



During the week of June 18, I joined seven other Jewish teens on a service trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, through the Jewish Teen Initiative. The main focus of the service trip was to rebuild houses that had been destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. During our trip, we stayed at Camp Hope, a volunteer base camp. Despite its less than luxurious conditions, such as the outdoor showers, and lack of private rooms, living with other groups of volunteers was inspiring and motivating. We had traveled from different parts of the country, but we all shared a common goal.

Through a disaster relief organization called SBP (formerly known as St. Bernard Project), our group spent four days working on a house belonging to a woman named Ms. Cece. When we arrived, the house was almost complete, which was a huge motivator for us to work

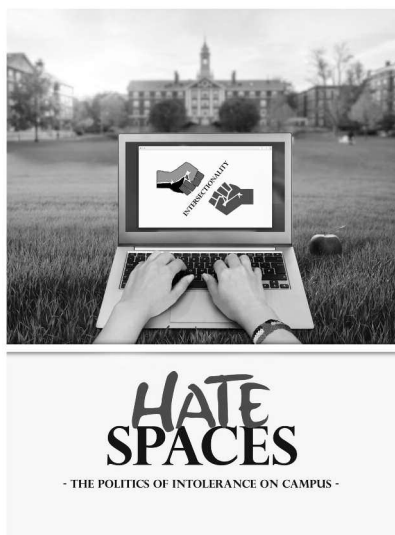
efficiently and meticulously so Ms. Cece could finally move into her dream house that had been over a decade in the making. We mainly focused on the finishing touches, such as painting the front and back stoops, grouting tiles, and installing the baseboard, shoe, doorknobs, and transition strips, among other such duties. Although the work could be strenuous, it was immensely rewarding. Even with the excruciating New Orleans heat and often tedious tasks, the days seemed to go by faster than I expected, since we were able to bond and problem-solve together to make the work more enjoyable. While working on Ms. Cece's house, I learned a lot, and not just technical skills such as how to use a nail gun or a Miter saw. Although I had always comprehended the mass devastation of Hurricane Katrina, working on Ms. Cece's house and meeting her made me realize the depth of the affliction of the affected individuals. Talking with her and learning about the history of her old house and her hopes for her new one enabled me to recognize the humanity behind the disaster. I also learned a lot about myself. I had always thought of myself as someone who could barely stand to clean a room, let alone build one, but I surprised myself with how much stamina and enthusiasm I had for the work we were doing. Instead of itching to leave the work

site as four o'clock rolled around, I would wish for a few more minutes so I could make even more progress on what I was working on.

When we were not volunteering, we spent our time sightseeing around New Orleans. We walked along the river, explored the French Quarter and Bourbon Street, and ate some delicious Southern food (including beignets!). One night, we went to the Snug Harbor Jazz Club where we heard the Charmaine Neville Band. One of our teens was invited on stage to play piano, which was really exciting! We also visited The National World War II Museum, went bowling, and took a tour of Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World (the working warehouse where the Mardi Gras floats are made). Mardi Gras World was my personal favorite because I was fascinated by how the floats are made and I loved seeing all the props from previous parades. All of these excursions were a ton of fun, and I really enjoyed experiencing the New Orleans' culture, while bonding and making friends with other teens from my area.

My time in New Orleans was unlike anything I had ever experienced, and it changed my perspective on the world. This opportunity, through the Jewish Teen Initiative, has inspired me to expand the ways in which I give back to the community and has affirmed the notion that even one person can make a difference.

## “Hate Spaces,” a Film about On-Campus Anti-Semitism



**To Be Shown at Temple Israel September 14 at 8:00 pm**

“Hate Spaces,” a film produced by Americans for Peace and Tolerance (APT), will be shown at Temple Israel on Thursday, September 14 at 8:00 pm. Many in the Jewish community have heard that there are “problems on the campus,” but few understand the true nature and extent of the assault on Israel and Jewish students occurring at our colleges and universities. The film provides a comprehensive understanding of this alarming situation.

“Hate Spaces” has been screened in over 50 venues across the country to Jewish and Christian audiences, in synagogues, JCCs, churches, and movie theaters. Audiences have responded with shock, anger, and concern as well as a motivation to take action. At the

screening, Charles Jacobs, head of APT, will suggest actions which we can take to ensure the security of our children and fight anti-Israel and anti-Semitic propaganda.

The film is part of a national campaign to educate and mobilize the Jewish community and the American public to respond effectively to the increasing hostility toward Jewish students on college campuses. “Hate Spaces,” says Alan Dershowitz, “is a wake-up call to the Jewish community and to civil society in America about the institutionalization of bigotry on college campuses.”

The program is sponsored by the Temple’s Israel Action Committee and the Framingham-Natick Chapter of Hadassah. There is no charge.

## Shalom From Temple Israel’s New Shinshin

This year, TI will be hosting a “Shinshin,” a pre-army emissary from Israel who will support the connection between our congregants (especially our young people) and the land of Israel. We can’t wait for you to meet Bar Argaman.

**My Family and Me:** We are four in my family, my mom, my dad, and my little brother. My brother and I have a very good relationship because he is only one year younger than me. We have mutual friends, we often hang out together, and we are on the same team at the Scouts. I talk with my parents about everything, I seek their advice, and they help me make decisions.

**Major in High School:** I majored in physics and computer programming. I enjoyed studying these subjects very much. Through physics, I study the theoretical foundations of our world. Computer programming offers a more applied understanding of how the world around us operates.

**My Hadracha & Volunteer Experience:** I am currently the chairman of the students’ council in my school. During my three years as a member of the council, I arranged many projects including two fundraising events for Michelet Lev Foundation. I am very active in the Scouts. I am currently the head of the 6th grade cohort (supervising four counselors). I was previously a counselor of the senior cohort (10th, 11th, 12th grades), and before that a group of kids in fifth grade.

**My Hobbies/My Free Time:** I spend most of my free time in the Scouts, where I meet and work with my friends and volunteer in as many places as I can; especially in things that involve

guiding and teaching. I enjoy hiking with my family and hanging out with my friends.

**My Desired Role in the Army:** I would like to serve in the Intelligence unit, where I can use the skills and knowledge I acquired in my High School major. Another unit I am considering is the Israeli Border Guard. I often see videos of the conflict between the Palestinians and the border guards and I think it should not be this way. I would like to be there, in the middle of this conflict, to be able to show the best side of the IDF and of Israel. I believe that by solving even the smallest conflicts with reason and as humanely as possible, I can make a positive change in the lives of people and how Israel is viewed in the world.

**My Experience Visiting or Living Outside of Israel:** During the previous summers I went to Santa Barbara, California in which I was an “Israeli Counselor” in the Jewish camp – “Camp Haverim.” As the Israeli Counselor, I built activities that were related to Israel and to Israeli life and Jewish culture in Israel.

I participated in another program called “Friends Forever.” This program brings together five Jewish and five Arab kids from Haifa. We flew together to the United States (Bloomington, Illinois) in order to get far away from the daily problems and to get a chance to know each other and see beyond the differences. Since our return to Israel, we volunteered together in the Arab-Jewish communities in our city.

### Three Things I Love About Israel:

1. I love the solidarity in Israel; in these days, I find the Israeli solidarity in its most pure and amazing form. I live in Haifa and during the

past few days there were many wildfires in my city. Almost everyone I know tried their best to help the firefighters and people who lost their homes.

2. “Tikun Olam” – One of the best things in Israel is Tikun Olam, meaning fixing the world. An example for Tikun Olam in Israel is that in every high school in Israel you have to give hours to community service. I find this a meaningful experience.

3. Another thing that I love about Israel is that we have people from different countries where each brings their special culture that blends in the unique Israeli society.

### Three Things About Israel I’d Like to See Changed:

- First, I would like to change the cost of living. In Israel it is very hard to live on your own without the financial support of your parents and it’s just getting more difficult. Young families cannot afford owning a home or even have enough money to pay the bills.

- Second, I would like to bridge gaps in our society. In Israel, the population is very divided and there is hate between some parts of the population. I believe changing that will make our lives better.

- The third thing I would like to change is the financial support for Holocaust survivors. Some of the Holocaust survivors in Israel don’t have enough money to pay their bills. I would like for them to be able to live in dignity after all that they have been through.



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**Upcoming Events**

- September 10
  - JNF MetroWest Community Breakfast
  - Hazak Visits Fruitlands
- September 12
  - First Day of Religious School
- September 14
  - “Hate Spaces” sponsored by TI’s Israel Action Committee and Hadassah
- October 15
  - Hazak-Museum of Technology and Innovation
- October 17
  - Sisterhood Paid-Up Supper
- November 6-7
  - Sisterhood Rummage Sale

**B’nai Mitzvah**



Eliana Simons, daughter of Ellen and Richard, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 2, 2017.



Naomi Hoffman, daughter of Ruth and Stanley, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 9, 2017.

**Milestones:**

- The 55th wedding anniversary of Sue and Kurt Linden
- The engagement of Randall Rosenberg, daughter of Donna and Jim Rosenberg, to Sam Sargent
- The 50th wedding anniversary of Dee and Barry Unger
- The engagement of Boris Vilidnitsky, son of Olga Vilidnitsky, to Ganna Yevtushenko
- The 97th birthday of Esther Fine
- The 50th wedding anniversary of Jane and Joel Kamer
- The marriage of Michael Herman, son of Judith Herman to Sayaka
- The birth of Ann and Herb Daitch’s granddaughter, Shia Chava Ita, to their son Sam and his wife Yehudit Robinson
- The 50th wedding anniversary of Carolyn and Israel Michaeli
- The 60th wedding anniversary of Omi and Paul Cantor
- The marriage of Dan Schneider, son of Ann and Mark Schneider, to Katie Mosher
- The engagement of Neil Saber, son of Sue and Jim Saber, to Becky Kertzner
- The 55th wedding anniversary of Sheila and Bill Wolfson

**Condolences to:**

- Mal and Meryl Lemeshow on the death of Mal’s mother Gladys Schanback
- Michael and Marla Winer on the death of Michael’s stepmother Ruth Winer
- Neil and Suzzette Freedlander on the death of Neil’s father Bernard Freedlander
- Randy and David Singer on the death of Randy’s mother Jane Mulsman
- Joseph Hurwitz on the death of his wife Sandy Hurwitz
- Gail and Andy Windmueller on the death of Gail’s father Irwin Kopin
- Randy and Anne Krauss on the death of Randy’s father Howard Krauss
- Nancy and Andy Blume on the death of Nancy’s father Herbert Allen Black II
- Edna Landesman on the death of her husband Norman