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CONNECTING TRADITION TO LIFE

From the President

Mary Fernandez
Temple President

*“Community is the human expression of Divine love.
It is where I am valued simply for who I am,
how I live, and what I give to others.
It is the place where they know my name.”*
– Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, zll, of blessed memory



I love this quote by Rabbi Sacks because it expresses my greatest wish for our community – that Temple B’nai Or is a place where every person is known and loved.

For much of the past year, with our sacred space shuttered and our faces masked, our leadership worried whether we were doing enough to sustain and create community. We needn’t have worried so much, because you all were so resilient and creative!

We were delighted to see members share Jewish life in new sacred places – b’nai mitzvot in backyards and dining rooms, mishpacha t’filah (family prayer) in the Temple parking lot and at kitchen tables, and countless hours of Torah study, Hebrew classes, book discussions and lectures on Zoom.

We witnessed that Jewish community is created in any place where we gather together in Jewish life. Despite the relationships created and strengthened this past year, our leadership also realized that not every member feels connected and known.

In 5782, our board goal is to ensure that we know each of you personally. To do this, we have divided members into twenty “neighborhood” cohorts each with a board ambassador. Your ambassador can answer questions, represent your concerns, share in your simcha (happy

occasions) and connect you with support when needed. Please respond to their outreach, save their contact information, and call or email them any time. Because our community spans Hackettstown to South Orange and Bedminster to Pompton Plains, ambassadors’ cohorts vary in size and area. My cohort includes 35 families in Madison and Chatham. I look forward to getting to know each of my families and helping them get to know each other!

I am deeply honored to serve as your president, and I am humbled to begin my journey as we emerge from isolation and reconnect with the people who know and love us most. In 5782, may you be known, and experience Divine love, in our Temple community.

L’shanah tovah,
Mary Fernández
President

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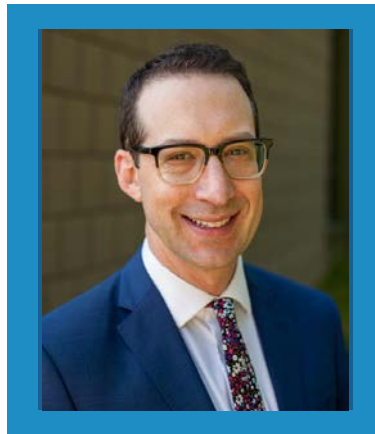
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From the Rabbi

It is my honor to be entering my third High Holy Days as a part of this community. Most of my time here in Morristown has been during this global pandemic. It has been a time when our community has mostly “gathered” online. We have experienced spiritual moments online, and yet we know that being with people physically is essential. We are not yet fully free of Covid, we have not yet entered the new world of post-Covid; but this time has given me space to meditate on why a physical synagogue community is so essential.



In Hebrew, a synagogue community is often called a kehilah kedoshah (or a kahal kadosh), which means a holy community. Holiness has to do with what the community does together: Celebrating the lifecycles with joy, comforting the mourner with love, supporting the needy with compassion, and gathering to study Torah and to offer praise to God. And, of course, a community teaches its next generation to do these holy acts so as to continue our Jewish mission in the world.

This past year and a half, we have adapted so that we can continue to serve our members in holiness. Our children are still coming up to the Torah as bnei mitzvah. We are still gathering for shiva even if on Zoom. We are still involved in the greater Morris area, working towards justice and equity. And, of course, we are still singing out in prayer even if from our own couches.

I am grateful that you continually support this holy work with your time, your skills, your love, and your money. I would love to hear your stories of our kehilah kedoshah during this pandemic. I hope to create some sort of memorial, commemorating how we sustained our community throughout this hardship. Send me an email or give me a call or, even better, let's meet for a coffee while the weather is still nice.

Someday soon, God willing, we will be on the other side of the pandemic. This community has been a source of meaning in the darkness. These words from the morning service speak to the joy, honor and privilege of being a part of this community:

אַשְׁרֵינוּ מַה טוֹב חֶלְקֵנוּ וּמַה נְעִים גּוּרְלֵנוּ וּמַה יְפֵה יְרֻשָּׁתֵנוּ

How fortunate we are!
How good is our portion!
How pleasant our destiny!
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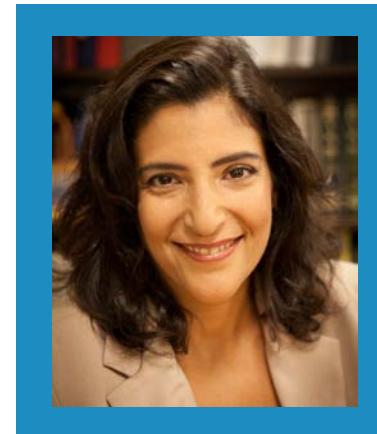
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Rabbi Michael Satz

From the Cantor

לִיהוָה הָאָרֶץ וּמִלּוּאָהּ תִּבְלַ וַיֵּשְׁבֵי בָהּ:

The earth is God's and all that it holds, the world and its inhabitants (Psalm 24:1)



The Jewish tradition marks time and space with ritual and blessing. It is an opportunity, a gift for us, to notice, acknowledge, and mark important moments so that they bring meaning to our lives.

My personal Jewish calendar includes a yearly visit to the homeland - Israel. Over time, I created my own rituals: visiting the ocean, frequenting holy landmarks, important visits with my favorite peeps and lots and lots of GREAT food.

Obviously COVID has totally messed around with all of our senses of time and how time feels. It surely has awakened our souls to pay attention to the passage of time and what we do with it as the dearest and most finite resource of our lifetime.

This summer in Israel, everything felt different. Not only have I not been for the past two years, but putting together a Bat Mitzvah ritual for two of my daughters, was also quite challenging.

In my dreams of this moment for as long as I can remember, it was my goal to teach my daughters the importance of our connection to the homeland. I imagined them ascending to the Torah in the ancient Galilean city of Tzipori. This remarkable city is an archeological site that teaches us an incredible lesson about ancient civilization. In opposition to the famous Masada story, or the tragic fall of Jerusalem in that period, the floor of the ancient synagogue, through its mosaics, reveals depictions of biblical stories as well as symbols of the Roman Zodiac map and Roman Gods of the period. The Tzipori community lived and prospered in harmony through diversity and pluralism. What a wonderful lesson to teach my family



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From the Pre-School

FRANCES AND HERBERT BRODY PRE-SCHOOL

For children, community involvement is a long-term benefit. A community gives a child a sense of belonging. It fosters growth intellectually, physically, and emotionally through the relationships formed within it. As the new Pre-School Director, I look forward to growing the community through our programs. Our toddler-and-me program is coming back, we will have a parent group working together on fundraising efforts and projects, and some new programs are on the horizon.

One of our biggest opportunities to grow and strengthen the community is our collaboration with the Morris School District. This partnership allows us to bring together more families in the area. It is an amazing chance to cultivate relationships with a group of children, parents, and teachers with diverse interests, backgrounds, and cultures. It is here that children will learn, conquer challenges, and thrive. A supportive, nurturing community builds a strong foundation for our children. The more we come together the more we give our children the message that they are important, that they are loved. After all, “it takes a village to raise a child”.

I am excited to get to know the welcoming people of this Temple B’nai Or community.

Best,

Caitlin Saunders

Pre-School Director



From the Religious School

JOEL AND HELEN JACOBS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

As is often quoted, “all politics is local.” The same is true for community. As we emerge from the deep effects of Covid, including isolation, learning challenges, lack of meaningful socialization, and so much more; we are now hopeful to re-establish in-person friendships, develop new social circles, participate in hands-on learning opportunities, and to return to what we knew as “normal.”

Our teachers are eagerly awaiting to be with our students; to learn about and to share in the joys of living Jewishly; to build strong bonds with children; to foster new friendships; and to once again become not only a school, but a kehillah – a community. This is done through one-on-one relationships developed on trust, respect, and working towards an inclusive environment and culture where everyone feels valued.

And it appears the students and parents are eager for the year as well! Our enrollment is blossoming with students; new, returning, and continuing, who are all eager to be part of our kehillah. The religious school is coming out of the pandemic stronger than ever and we can't wait!

As a community, we wish one another a happy New Year – one filled with celebrating, learning, connecting, worshipping, and building a strong, healthy, and vibrant Jewish community.

L'shana tovah u'metukah!

David

From the Desk
of the
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR



Barbara Kavadias
Executive Director

Dear TBO Kehilah,

Part of why I wanted to be the Executive Director at Temple B'nai Or was because of the Community in the fullest sense of the word.

- I live here in Morristown, so TBO was part of my town or community,
- Since this was my community, I saw it as an opportunity to build the Jewish presence here in Morristown and Morris County.
- Through the people I knew here, I knew the community of TBO itself was special, full of warm and committed individuals. I wanted to be part of it!

Some may think that being an ED is a functionary post, but I believe I have a values-based mission. I am here to help TBO grow and expand our presence as a sacred community. I work both internally and externally, to current members and to others in the larger community. I hope you see our approach to community shining through in the messaging I oversee and in how we talk about dues and programming:

- Each person is valued. As beings created in the image of God, I try to treat each person with respect and kindness. I try to see each person as an individual with something special to offer.
- No person should be turned away because of their finances. We work hard to raise enough money through dues and donations so that everyone who wants to be a part of this community can be. At the same time, as a community, I try to impress upon people that dues is a sacred obligation, that it is not how much we feel like paying, but how much we are able to give. Over and over, I share that we want each person's gift to be meaningful, fair to their household, and fair to the community.
- We bring more than money, we bring ourselves. I put my whole heart into my work at TBO and I want each person here to feel that they can do the same. We try to not only engage people in what TBO is already doing, we try to find out what you want to do and get you plugged in or find others to help you get something new started.

I would love your feedback. How do you think we are doing? Is there something more we can do together so that you feel that you are an important part of the whole?

L'Shana Tovah to you and your family.

Barbara



View from the
TBO
BUDGET
COMMITTEE

Richard Simon
VP of Finance + Treasurer

Greetings TBO Members:

Having just completed my first year as TBO's VP of Finance and Treasurer, I want to share how thankful I am to our team and to those who have been so helpful supporting the Temple. As you know, we are a volunteer organization that depends on everyone for support.

I am amazed by the depth and breadth of talent and experience we have among our congregants and their willingness to lend a hand. During this past year, many stepped up to help and contribute their expertise including legal, tax, finance, accounting, audit, budgeting, HR, payroll, procurement, and technology. This was a team effort, and I cannot thank the volunteers enough.

I have also experienced first-hand the deep commitment each volunteer has to the Temple's success and their focus on the long-term sustainability of the Temple for current and future generations.

As I shared during the General Congregation meeting, through congregant generosity and our professional staff's focus on cost management, we are now seeing a more positive and sustainable financial trajectory.

Based on this, we can continue making critical investments in improving the engagement experience for our congregants.

- The recently refurbished courtyard provides a meeting environment to enhance in-person interaction.
- We are upgrading our sound and video system prior to the High Holy Days to improve the experience for remote participants, who will enjoy an experience close to being in-person.
- Our new Shalom Cloud system enables each of you to interact directly and maintain your personal information.

I would also like to recognize and thank two members of the Finance team. Brian Dicker, who is a long-time Board member, has agreed to assume the role of Budget and Financial Reporting lead and to help improve our internal processes. Jim Wiviott, whose family are long-time TBO members, will be joining the finance team, leveraging his experience to help position us for long-term financial health. A big thank you to both.

In conclusion, I welcome any of your questions and I wish all of you, and your families, l'shana tova.

Regards,

Rick

From the Cantor (continued from page 5)

about some of the most important principles of contemporary Reform Judaism. For a few moments, I could feel time was suspended: past, present, and future. Hearing the ancient Hebrew prayers of our people, that may as well have been written in this very location thousands of years ago, but now sung to melodies by the women of the future was quite a powerful experience.

In my numerous visits to Tzipori, my heart felt awakened to see how our ancestors lived. They had incredible 2nd century technology including Roman aqueducts and even a toilet!! They lived a well-balanced life between inventions that improved their daily life and sustenance of the land they perceived was given to them by God. Tzipori has and is surrounded by endless fields of olive and pomegranate trees (that alone never ceases to amaze me. How cool is it to walk by and pick a pomegranate, break it and eat all 613 kernels of this magnificent fruit ;-). When looking over the breathtaking view from the mountain Tzipori is built on, one cannot help but feel awe of the grandeur of all this beauty, but also ponder how time and progress has altered our own behaviors frequenting the land.

Are we, today, still aware, grateful, and reflective, of this incredible resource that is ultimately finite?

This year, Jewish tradition prescribes the Mitzvah of Shmitah שמיטה. Torah prescribes that every seventh year, we should pause, release, and not manipulate or control the land. It goes further to the release of slaves and generally encourages us to become aware that as humans, earthlings, we are part of it all.

One of the greatest teachers I have ever studied with, Rabbi Sam Feinsmith, taught this Elul, that we must recognize that there is an integral link, an intimate connection, a continuous flow between Adam -human - אדם and Adama אדמה – the land, between human nature and nature itself. He teaches that we need to go against the grain of habit to notice that we are not separate from the earth, we cannot dominate the earth and any harm we do to the earth is self-harm. When we take a breath, it starts outside of our body and is absorbed into our blood; it essentially becomes us. From a more awakened perspective there is no outside and inside, there is only a continuum of nature and spirit dancing in an integral embrace with one another. The inherent intelligence of the earth being, is no different than the inherent intelligence within each one of us. Awareness of our bodies reminds us of and opens our eyes to the fact that we are all interconnected.

In this coming year, how can we observe Shmitah? We can simply stop what we do without reflection or consideration and allow the world to present itself to us anew. All our actions have implications for all life on this planet. Can we bring any relief to some of the ways we impact the planet? Are there any habits or behaviors that we can let go of?

In response to these questions, I've often heard: What's the point? How will tiny changes I make have any impact on the greater picture? Bringing awareness and changing our behaviors in little bits will ultimately result in greater changes and if nothing else, we can role-model to the younger generation that at least we understand where we have wronged them and that we are trying to "fix the world" for their sake.

May this year release us from oppression of habit and may we awaken to see that we are all part of the greater whole.

שנה טובה

Cantor Galit

Linda Grandis Blatt Gallery

at Temple B'nai Or

For you all to enjoy during the High Holy Days and beyond, the Linda Grandis Blatt Gallery welcomes the works of local artist ANJU SARAN.

Anju is accomplished in various mediums such as Acrylic, Oil, Watercolor, Pastel, Mixed Media and Charcoal. She is a versatile and award-winning artist. Art has always been Anju's passion and she specializes in Portraiture painting and does commission work. Anju's paintings have appeared in numerous exhibitions in New Jersey, New York, Florida, Singapore, and India.

Anju owns the art center 'Artistic Kreations, LLC' in Morris Plains, where she teaches drawing and painting to children and adults of all skill levels. She has been teaching painting at the Morris County Art Association (MCAA) in Morristown for over sixteen years.

To learn more about the founder, owner, artist and instructor Anju Saran, please visit www.AnjuSaranArts.com and www.ArtisticKreationsNJ.com.

Look for an invitation to our Artist Reception at TBO on September 25 from 7-9pm.





Sisterhood

Community. What does it mean to us as a Sisterhood? For us, community is gathering wherever possible; outside, with masks, at a distance in the parking lot, basically anywhere. We, as women, crave community to share our milestones and our family life. By creating opportunities for us to talk virtually or in-person, we have enabled people to stay connected. When we have access to each other we can grow as a community. Recently, we gathered around a large table outside, with cross-generational women who laughed and enjoyed the pure joy of chatting over a glass of wine. We realize that times have changed, but as women, we need each other more than ever. If you say "yes" to just one Sisterhood event, we promise it will leave you wanting more!

TBO's Sisterhood is excited to announce that Naomi Miller will be performing her show, entitled "Love, Marriage, Children & Liposuction," for the Sisterhood's Annual Dinner. Naomi has performed across the country and around the world, singing and entertaining in multiple languages! Her shows combine a mix of singing, comedy, and a good amount of Jewish-ness. Naomi was selected as one of the country's Top Ten Jewish Female Performers by Lilith Magazine. She performed at Café Baba in Israel for their 25th anniversary and was selected to perform for then Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir when he arrived in the USA. This is an event not to be missed! We look forward to seeing all paid-up Sisterhood members on October 24th for dinner and a great night of TBO community and entertainment!

Jessica Exely, Ilana Radcliffe, Lindsey Dubman, Stephanie Zucker

Sisterhood Co-Chairs



Men's Club

The Men's Club at TBO is what it sounds like, all ages of the temple's men getting together for fellowship and service. A real community. Haven't joined yet? It's not too late! We build the sukkah every year (sons, daughters, and significant others are all welcome to join in the fun). We have a Men's Softball Team that plays in the synagogue league and has many wins under its belt. We sponsored sports events last year, a Zoom beer-tasting with a "grab & go" deli dinner, Fatherhood project sessions, and (because we are such well-rounded guys) a cooking class! Whether we are together in-person or in our little Zoom boxes, we are a fun, welcoming and charismatic community of men. We love new energy and new ideas; we know there is more we can do to help out here at Temple, with more people involved. Have questions? Want to join our community? Want to be part of the Sukkah Build which is 9.12.21? Contact us at TBOMensclub@gmail.com

DAve Anolick and Bob Goldstein

Men's Club Co-Chairs



Social Action Committee

There are many facets to how we, as Jews, connect to our Jewish identity and community. Tikkun Olam, which means “to repair the world,” is a central tenet in Judaism and how we, as the Social Action Committee co-chairs, feel inspired and connected to our “Jewishness” and seek to build community.

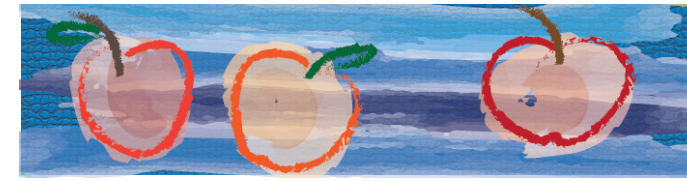
Through our social action activities, we seek to make a positive impact within our temple community, our local Morris County and Morristown communities, the Greater MetroWest community, and on a national and sometimes international level.

For example, we have initiatives that address food insecurity in Morris County through our annual High Holy Day Food Drive for the Interfaith Food Pantry and Nourish.NJ, as well as in the MetroWest Community through our work with the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA). Members of our committee volunteer monthly with the JRA, packing and delivering food for Jews and non-Jews in need within the MetroWest Community. In May, we hosted the JRA in the parking lot at Temple B’nai Or and, with the help of our religious school students and their families, we packed 600 boxes of food that were then delivered to homes of those in need throughout MetroWest.

Our broader-based initiatives include work with the Religious Action Center (RAC), both in NJ and nationally, and with Morris Area Together, a Morris County-based interfaith group seeking to improve access to affordable housing and mental health services and to address bias within the criminal justice system. This past April, we participated in the 18-Day Challenge focused on issues of racial justice sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest. And, in September 2020, in collaboration with RAC-NJ, we had a zoom “Safeguarding the Vote” workshop to address the changes in voting in the 2020 Election, as well as an initiative to make Temple B’nai Or a 100% voting congregation.

Social Action is people coming together to tackle an issue, to support other people, and to improve community. This is how we build connection to our Judaism, to each other and to the larger community. We welcome all ideas and participation in our “TBO Social Action Community,” so please come join us!

Judy Stein-Loewenthal and Tanya Simon
Social Action Committee Co-Chairs



Renaissance

The Renaissance Group of Temple B’nai Or was founded in 1989 as a way to foster a greater sense of community among those who craved Life-Long Learning. Since then, Renaissance has been operating continuously, sponsoring monthly programs on a variety of topics.

Renaissance has hosted several musical programs, from a trio trained by member Lou Gordon, of blessed memory, to local jazz greats Jamale Davis and Rio Clemente, to TBO’s own teen sensation Josh Conklin. We have watched and discussed movies such as *The Front* by Woody Allen; *Aftermath*, a modern Polish film; and the suspenseful, award-winning Christopher Plummer film, *Remember*.

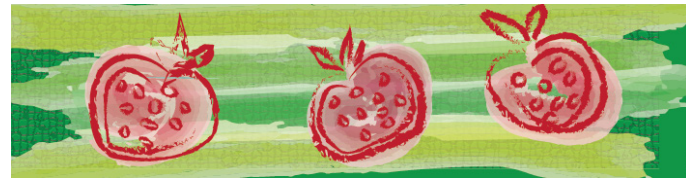
We have enjoyed lectures / conversations with Morris County notables such as Joel Farkas, speaking on various aspects of life in Revolutionary America; and Leslie Bensley, the executive director of the Morris County tourism bureau. We have learned from faculty members of some of New Jersey’s colleges and universities. Dr. Ashley Koning, director of the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University, has been a popular October speaker. Dr. Bruce Peabody, professor of political science at Fairleigh Dickinson University, last spoke to us about the supreme court, judicial politics, and the election of 2020. His colleague Dr. Dan Cassino speculated on what America in 2050 would be like.

Once or twice a year, Renaissance enjoys going on the road, exploring area restaurants. Some of our favorites have been Grillera in Madison, Marrakesh in Parsippany, Windlass in Lake Hopatcong, and Hunan Chinese Room in Morris Plains. We have also traveled to Union Township to enjoy dinner theater at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse.

This sampling of Renaissance events clearly illustrates the breadth and variety of our collective interests and programming. Planning is currently underway to develop equally varied programs for 2021-2022. Due to Covid, our planning must be more flexible than in the past. **Watch the weekly Chai-Lights for up-to-the-minute program information as it is finalized.**

The one commonality that is shared by all we do in Renaissance is our desire to be inclusive and to strengthen the bonds that help unite us into ONE Jewish COMMUNITY with a home at Temple B’nai Or.

Carol Marin and Stuart Rayvid
Renaissance Co-Chairs



Connections

Connections is a group of empty-nesters looking to connect or reconnect through social and cultural experiences. The group's activities are available to TBO members and non-members alike.

After families have celebrated b'nai mitzvot, confirmations, and Orim graduations, the ties that bound us to Temple can unravel. You may be a single or a couple or new in town, and are looking to make friends in other ways since the kinder have left the nest. Connections' mission is to offer this group of relatively healthy "baby boomers" the opportunity to socialize with old friends and make new ones.

Connections' next get-together will take place at the Morristown Green on Saturday, September 18 at noon, where we will enjoy the Morristown Jazz and Blues Festival, a free event. Meet at the Gold Star Mother's Tree on the Green across from Blue Mercury. Bring a lawn chair and some snacks and listen to some great live jazz. Check in with either Stacey Schlosser or Carol Barkin and be introduced to other Connections friends. Come and go as you please throughout the afternoon. The jazz portion of the event concludes at 5 pm.

Looking ahead, Connections will host its annual Chanukah Party in early December. Details will be announced later in the fall. If you want to volunteer to help with this event, or have ideas for Connections events, please get in touch.

Lastly, if you play bridge, TBO hosts a weekly game on Tuesdays at 1 pm. It is free and open to non-TBO members as well.

If you want to receive notifications of Connections activities or join our bridge games, please email Carol Barkin at barkin.carol@gmail.com.

Carol Barkin

Connections Chair



Spirituality Workshop

What is the TBO Spirituality Workshop and how do we foster Community? The TBO Spirituality Workshop consists of lay-led explorations and discussions of our personal experiences of spirituality in an inclusive and accepting environment.

Each TBO Spirituality Workshop focuses on a different topic and is led by a different member. Workshops are held on the first Monday of every month and will resume in October. Each leader starts by giving thoughts on the topic to stimulate ongoing discussion. Everyone is then invited to chime in, and they sure do!

We are always looking for congregants to lead our sessions. Please contact Melissa Simon with your topic ideas and available dates.

You are not required to speak, but if you are interested in sharing, our goal is to give everyone a chance to express themselves. It's probably best to share from your personal experience or beliefs. First-person stories have proven to be the most engaging and helpful.

Please respect each other's confidentiality. What happens in the TBO Spirituality Workshop stays in the TBO Spirituality Workshop. Sit back, relax, listen only or speak your mind. You are as qualified to speak as everyone else is here within the community of the Spirituality Workshop!

DAve Anolick and Melissa Simon

Spirituality Workshop Co-Chairs

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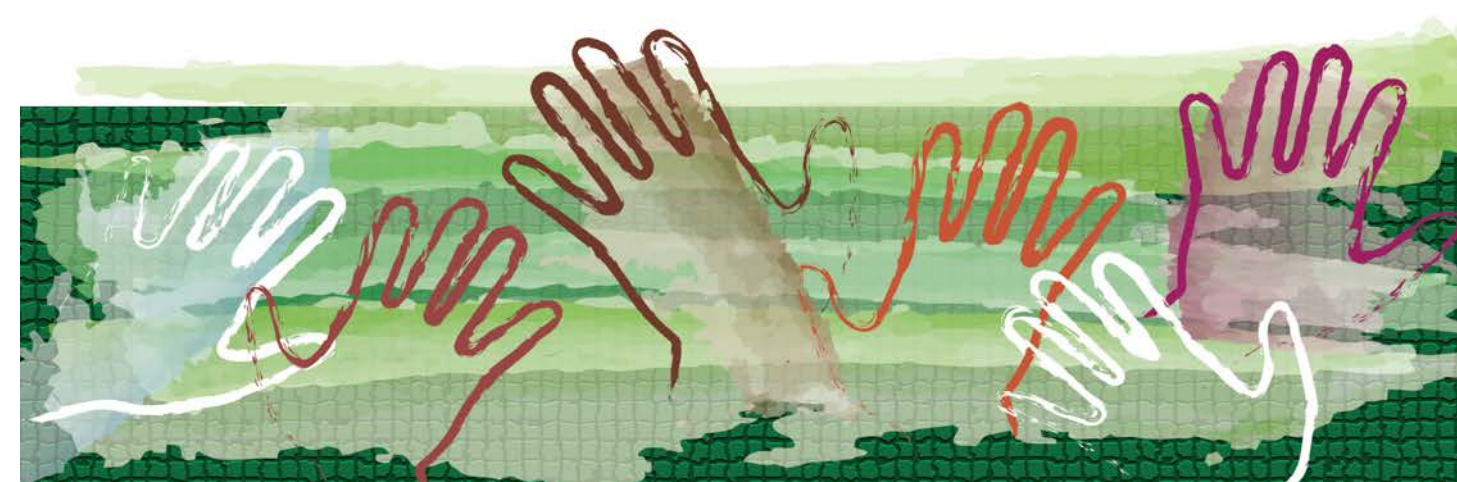
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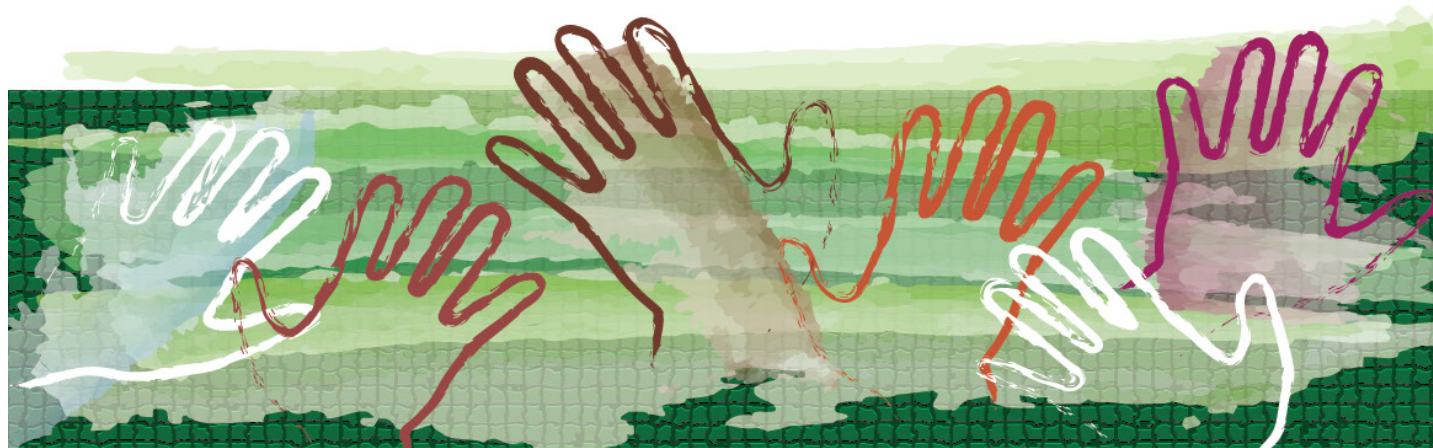
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*Your Own Ideas
about How You Can Further Engage
with the Community at Temple B'nai Or*

write your ideas here





High Holy Day Services

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Monday, September 6

8:00 pm (adults) *

Rosh HaShanah

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 am (inter-generational) **

11:00 am (adults)

4:00 pm (inter-generational), Tashlich

Rosh HaShanah, Second Day

Wednesday September 8

10:00 am (adults), Study & Prayer

* (adults) = Adults Only = Fully-Vaccinated, Masks Required

** (inter-generational) = Masks Required, Distanced, Unvaccinated OK



Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 15

8:00 pm (adults)

Yom Kippur

Thursday, September 16

9:00 am (inter-generational)

11:00 am (adults)

Afternoon (vaccinated adults only, everyone else on Zoom)

1:30 - 2:45 pm, Study Sessions at TBO

3:00 pm, Mincha

~ 4:30 pm, Yizkor service

N'ilah, will end around 6:30 with Shofar Together

(in-person and Zoom). We encourage friends &

neighbors to gather to hear the Shofar blasts!

We are not hosting a community Break-The-Fast.

We encourage you to safely gather in small groups.

Erev Sukkoth

Monday, September 20

6:30 pm, Teens. 7:00 pm, Full congregation

Progressive Sukkah Hop

Sunday, September 26

1:00 - 3:00 pm, Sukkah at the home of Rabbi Satz

3:00 - 5:00 pm, a Sukkah near you

Simchat Torah

7:00 pm, Erev

Tuesday, September 28

10:00 am, including Yizkor

Wednesday, September 29



More Celebrations & Services

Tashlich

Rosh HaShana at 4:00pm

Meet at TBO and then walk together to the pond

Annual Memorial Service
Beth El Cemetery
Sunday, September 12 at 12:30pm

Shofar Together

Yom Kippur at approximately 6:30pm
On Zoom or gathered together in the Sanctuary
Blow your own Shofar!

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Sunday, September 26

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3:00 - 5:00 pm, at a Sukkah near you



Vidui

MINCHA YOM KIPPUR

על חטא שחטאנו לפניך

**Al chet shechatanu l'faneicha ...
For the sin we committed against you by...**

In this year of 5782, the Jewish world enters its “sabbatical” shmita year ... releasing, letting go ... **שמיטה**, an ancient agricultural practice of releasing the earth of its obligation to produce so it can rest and rejuvenate, a concept needed today more than ever. At this time of renewal, we encourage you to rekindle shmita by releasing something weighing on your mind, letting it go, allowing it to fall to the earth.

Here’s how: in our Yom Kippur Vidui tradition, you are invited to anonymously submit your own vidui ... confession ... **ודוי**, to be read during the Yom Kippur Afternoon Service.

This moment of t’shuvah ... repentance, return ... **תשובה** is both powerful and difficult, offering each of us our own awakening, healing, and an opportunity to release and let go. Whether you are in the sanctuary or joining virtually, our experience has been that you will be moved by so many open, honest, and heartfelt acknowledgements.

**Please consider sharing your personal confession
with our sacred community, 100% anonymously, via
the Web Link below.**

<https://bit.ly/MyVIDUI>



**The shofar inspires
Contemplation, reflection
Listen to the call**

Gail Lalk

When my children were younger, we used to get to the Temple on the High Holy Days a little bit early so that we could snag what we thought were the perfect seats for the services. The seats on the right side of the bimah, near the front of the Temple, gave us a bird's-eye view of the instrumentalists who would accompany the cantor and the choir. As an amateur French horn player, with a daughter who was also learning the instrument, we were awed to watch Dan Wions gracefully carry out what I deemed as a heroic French horn performance each and every year, virtually flawlessly. (Dan is currently the principal horn player for the New York City Ballet.) Sure, I was at the Temple to reflect on the past year, consider how I might be a better person, atone for my past mistakes and start fresh, but I'll admit that one of the motivations for me to attend was to appreciate the music. As I listened to the French horn calls, particularly in the Shofar Service, my mind would wander toward comparing my horn playing ability to Dan's, briefly entertaining the idea of being the French horn player for a future Rosh Hashanah service, and inevitably coming to the conclusion that I made the right decision not to pursue music professionally.

Of course, the other instrument of interest to me at the High Holy Day services was the shofar. In every Temple I've been to throughout my life, the honor of playing the shofar was given to an elderly gentleman; at Temple B'nai Or, that honor was given to Fred Bernstein for many years. Fred fulfilled his duties spectacularly and always impressed the congregants with the final "Tekiah Gadolah," in which the shofar player plays a note for as long as possible. In a recent conversation I had with Fred's wife, Ricki, she told me how much he loved playing the Shofar and how he made it his mission to teach other people as well.

In 2018, when I was asked to play the shofar for the High Holy Day services I had no idea how it would transform me spiritually. Initially, I thought of the shofar as just another instrument to play. When I picked it up for the first time, it was so similar to the French horn that I felt comfortable. I was confident that I could play it well enough to fulfill the requirements of the service. I was initially unaware of the weight of responsibility I had been given. But when I started learning more about the meaning of the shofar blasts, I realized that I was being asked to convey a spiritual message to the congregation and that I had been given the honor of a lifetime.

The holiday that we call "Rosh Hashanah" today was originally called "Yom Truah" in the Torah. "Yom Truah" translates to "Day of Blasting" and is more commonly referred to as the day of blasting the shofar. There are 100 blasts of the shofar during the service, separated into four distinct types, "Tekiah" is a single blast that awakens



the listener and brings them to attention; "Shvarim" literally means "broken" and consists of three broken blasts. It is intended to sound like crying, reminding us of our broken hearts, our tears of sadness and another year passing; "Truah" consists of 9 short blasts and is the call to awaken our spirits and start the new year with intention. The final "Tekiah Gadolah" is supposed to be a blast of at least 10 seconds and is intended to give the listener enough time to reinforce the intentions they have set for the upcoming year.

In my first few years as shofar blower, my perspective has evolved from thinking of it as a performance, in which I was most focused on the sound quality of the blasts, to thinking of it as an opportunity to express and inspire spirituality. I learned that the quality of the note (which is paramount on French horn) isn't as important as the message it conveys. When Ricki and I were discussing how humbling it is to be the Shofar blower, she said that Fred thought of it as being "looked to, not at" and I think that perfectly captures the essence of the role.

Blowing the shofar gives me an opportunity to practice humility. On the one hand, I enjoy making the Tekiah Gadolah last as long as possible, and I appreciate the response I get from people who comment on that aspect of the shofar service; but — more importantly — I am humbly honored to participate. I had a conversation with Dan Wions a couple of years ago and he told me that when the French horn sounds its own Tekiah Gadolah, the horn's note must be shorter in length than the blast of the shofar in order to convey humility. It's not a competition; it is two instruments delivering a spiritual message together.

Have a meaningful High Holy Days and a healthy & happy New Year!

Gail Lalk

Contribute to the
Social Action Committee's

High Holy Day Food Drive

benefitting the Morris County
Interfaith Food Pantry
and benefitting our community!

Each year our community donates thousands of pounds of canned and boxed food, as well as monetary donations. Due to the nationwide shortage of paper bags, we ask you to use your own bags. Please return your filled bags on Yom Kippur or by September 19. Don't forget your check to NourishNJ!

Contact Tanya Simon or Judy Stein-Loewenthal for more information.



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- Help provide the foundation for a lasting Jewish community here
- Strengthen Temple B'nai Or to preserve Jewish tradition now and in the future

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October 15, 2021

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October 30, 2021

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November 12, 2021

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December 17, 2021

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IN MEMORIAM

When cherished ties are broken,
our burden of sadness is made
lighter by the sympathy and
comfort of friends.

The Congregation extends its
sympathy to the families of:

Ada Dannenberg

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Mary Suzanne Lawless Goldblatt

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Yom Kippur Service Honorees

Nitzavim | "You Stand [on this day]"

DEUTERONOMY 29 - 30: Torah Chanters

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Yom Kippur Service Honorees

*** Due to Covid, some aspects of our services were still in flux at the time of printing. Therefore, some honorees and service participants will be listed in a slide during services rather than here on this page.**

We are extremely grateful to our Yom Kippur USHERS

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to anyone who approaches, so, too, the gates of repentance are always open.

God will take us back in love, God will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
(Micah 7:19)

Behold, days are coming when I will send a famine throughout the land; not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but a yearning to learn the words of Adonai. (Amos 8:11)

I will lead them to streams of water.
I will lead them by a level road where they will not stumble. (Jeremiah 31:9)

They shall be like palm trees that stretch out. Like gardens beside a river... like cedars beside the water. (Numbers 24:6)

On that day you shall say: "I give thanks to You, Adonai!"
Joyfully shall you draw water from the fountains of triumph and salvation.
(Isaiah 12:1,3)

Bahya ibn Pakuda told the story of a traveller journeying through dangerous country who came to a river too deep to walk across. He began to take coins out of his purse to try to raise a pathway by which to cross. In vain, the bag emptied; the river still could not be crossed. Finally, one gold piece remained. Looking up, far down the river he spotted a ferry boat which in his frenzy he had failed to notice earlier. Regretting the waste of his treasure, yet fortunate that one coin was left for passage, he ran to the ferry, paid and crossed to the other side to continue on his way.

Ibn Pakuda, writes Rabbi Milton Steinberg, was trying to say that *teshuva* ought to be our first expenditure, but that it proves too often to be our last – the sole remaining device available when all else has been spent. For the wise and the prudent it is the first coin in the purse (rather than the last desperate option once every other resource has been exhausted) – that expense of the spirit which makes possible the negotiating of life's most dreadful passages – which enables us to go on our way safe and rejoicing.

We "cast our sins" upon the waters
by shaking the corners of our garments or throwing bits of bread in.

(For complex sins, use multi-grain. For sins committed in haste, use matzah. For excessive use of irony, rye bread. For hardening our hearts, jelly doughnuts. For davening off tune, flat bread. For being holier than thou, bagels. For sins of pride, puff pastry. For the sins of the righteous, angel food cake. For selling your soul, Devil's Food Cake.)

הַשִּׁבְנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנִשׁוּבָה, חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.
Ha-she-veinu A-do-nai ei-lecha v'na-shuva
Chadeish yameinu k'ke-dem
Turn us to You Adonai, and we shall return.
Renew our days as of old.



TASHLICH: Casting Away Our Sins

ותשליך במצלות ים כל-חטאתם

You, O God, will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19)

Eli, Eli,
sheh-lo yigameir l'olam

Ha-chol v'ha-yam
Rish-rush shel ha-ma-yi
B'rak hashamayim
Tefilat ha-adam

O Lord, my God,
I pray that these things
never end
The sand and the sea
the rush of the waters
the crash of the heavens
the prayer of the heart

אֱלֹהֵי אֱלֹהֵי
שְׁלֵא יִגְמַר לְעוֹלָם
הַחֹל וְהַיָּם
רִישׁ רִישׁ שֶׁל הַמַּיִם
בְּרַק הַשָּׁמַיִם
תְּפִלַּת הָאָדָם.

"You, O God, will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." So said the prophet Micah. We know that you cannot take away our sins as if by magic, but if we, by thorough and earnest effort, make a start of it, You will wash what is unworthy from us and purify our hearts and souls.

Let us cast away the sin of falsehood so that we will mislead no one in word or deed, nor pretend to be what we are not.

Let us cast away the sin of ambition, which prompts us to reach for goals which Do not bring true fulfillment or genuine contentment.

Let us cast away the sin of stubbornness, so that we will not continue in foolish habits or fail to accept that we can change.

Let us cast away the sin of envy, so that we will not be consumed by desire for what we do not have, or take for granted the blessings which are already ours.

Let us cast away the sin of selfishness, which keeps us from greater sharing and from reaching out in love to other human beings.

Let us cast away the sin of indifference, so that we may be sensitive to the sufferings of others and responsive to the needs of people everywhere.

Let us cast away the sins of pride and arrogance so that we can worship God and serve God in humility and in truth.

הַשִּׁבְנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנִשׁוּבָה, חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.
Ha-she-veinu A-do-nai ei-lecha v'na-shuva
Chadeish yameinu k'ke-dem
Turn us to You Adonai, and we shall return.
Renew our days as of old.



Rosh HaShana Service Honorees

Vayera | "and He appeared"

GENESIS 22: Torah Chanters

Gabe Rosenthal
Rebekah Horowitz
Natalie Rosenthal
Skylar Ingber
Rebecca Hirschfeld
David Demakos
Isabelle Demakos
Cantor Gailt Dadoun Cohen
Ryan Berman
Jacob Litman
Cantor Galit Dadoun Cohen

HafTorah Blessings Cantor Galit Dadoun Cohen

MUSICAL ENSEMBLE

Mark Hyczko – Director of Music
Nadine Robinson – Soprano
Halley Pearlstein – Alto
Jeremy Blossey – Tenor
Chuck Schneider – Bass
David Agia – Cello (only Kol Nidrei)
Josh Conklin - Percussion (RH Morn and N'ilah)
Merynda Adams – Harp (only Kol Nidrei)
Dan Wions – French Horn (RH Morn and N'ilah)
Gail Lalk – Shofar Blower
Don Piermont – Choir Admin



Rosh HaShana Service Honorees

Evening Service

Candle Lighting — Jessica Exley, Stephanie Zucker
Opening of the Ark — Meg and Jim Wiviot

Intergenerational Service

Aliyah — Hallie, Jeff, and Charlie Beyer
Dressing the Torah — Larry and Tere Gordon

Main Service

Opening of the Ark — Charlotte Abberman
Aliyah — Mike and Lori Ingber
Prayer for our Community — Dave Anolick
Prayer for the USA — Helen Jacobson
Prayer for Israel — Ori and Jodi Yissachar

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