

# The Temple Times

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## Temple Beth El Service Schedule



Services via ZOOM at  
5:30 PM Friday  
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See your email for an invitation.  
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## Temple Beth El Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING – 5781

July 2, 2021	8:08 PM
July 9, 2021	8:24 PM
July 16, 2021	8:20 PM
July 23, 2021	8:14 PM
July 30, 2021	8:07 PM

Please notify Temple of any **ADDRESS CHANGES** you have for the **winter or summer months**, we need these address changes if we are to continue sending the bulletin – Thank You.



There will be an August  
Bulletin with all the High  
Holy Day Information



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# What is



*Tishah B'Av*, observed on the 9th (*tishah*) of the Hebrew month of *Av*, is a day of mourning the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. Liberal Judaism never has assigned a central religious role to the ancient Temple, so mourning the destruction of the Temple may not be particularly meaningful to liberal Jews. In modern times, many Jews understand *Tishah B'Av* as a day to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history, and to reflect on the suffering that still occurs in our world.

Customarily, *Tishah B'Av* is a time set aside for fasting and mourning. As on *Yom Kippur*, the fast extends from sundown until the following sundown. In the synagogue, the Book of *Eichah* (Lamentations) is chanted, as are *kinot*, which are dirges written during the Middle Ages. Sitting on low stools, a custom associated with mourning the dead, Jews read sections of the books of Jeremiah and Job, as well as passages from the Bible and the Talmud that deal with the Temples' destruction in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E.

Some Jewish communities begin a period of semi-mourning three weeks before *Tishah B'Av*, on the 17th of the Hebrew month of *Tammuz*. It was supposedly on this day in 586 B.C.E. that the Babylonians first made an incursion into the Temple in Jerusalem. Beginning on this date, Jews who observe this custom refrain from holding weddings and festive celebrations or cutting their hair. The mourning intensifies on the first of *Av*, with no meat or wine consumed, no new clothing purchased, and no shaving allowed. On the evening before *Tishah B'Av*, a 24-hour fast begins, and in synagogue services, the Book of Lamentations is chanted. When *Tishah B'Av* falls on Shabbat, its observance begins after Shabbat ends and extends into the next day.

For most liberal Jews, *Tishah B'Av* has faded in importance as a ritual observance, as the rebuilding of a central Temple in Jerusalem has lost its priority and significance in modern times. Although historians dispute the fact that both Temples were destroyed on this day, *Tishah B'Av* has become a symbol of Jewish suffering and loss. Over the centuries, other tragic events have come to be commemorated on this day, including the brutal massacres of the Crusades, the Jewish expulsion from Spain, and the Holocaust (ReformJudaism.org)

For more information about *Tisha B'Av*, watch this excellent video presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAoSODDghE8>

## Temple Beth El Cantor Message

Perhaps you recently noticed an article in the Observer-Dispatch about the passing of Jimmy Allen Ruth. He was 83 years old. He was a bus driver in the southern United States. So why would the O-D run an article about his death?

60 years ago, when he was a 23 year-old driver for Trailways, Mr. Ruth agreed to drive a bus. It was full of college students, known as the Freedom Riders. Their purpose was to ride to segregated bus terminals to challenge the non-enforcement of the 1960 U. S. Supreme Court decision in *Boynton v. Virginia* that segregation of interstate transportation facilities was unconstitutional. They were headed from Nashville, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi, and none of the other Trailways drivers would take them. Mr. Ruth agreed to, although he knew that it was dangerous. According to his family, he considered it a small thing to have done.

Throughout our lives, we are presented with opportunities to make choices. Some are truly unimportant. Others are very important. And there are times when we make a decision that we think is unimportant, because we cannot, at the time and maybe even beyond, see the ultimate consequences.

A good example of this is to be found in Genesis. Jacob sends Joseph to check on his brothers who are (supposedly) in Shechem. When Joseph gets there, the brothers are nowhere to be found. A man finds him wandering in a field and asks what he is looking for. Joseph tells the man that he is searching for his brothers, and would he happen to know where they went? The man tells Joseph that he overheard them say they were going to Dotan. Joseph heads to Dotan where his brothers take him and throw him in a pit before Joseph is taken down to Egypt.

What about that man who told Joseph where

to find his brothers? Rashi identifies him as the angel Gabriel. But let us, for now, stick with the plain meaning of the Torah. He was a man. We may presume that this man, although unnamed, had a family, and a livelihood. He very likely lived a full life, never knowing that the one thing of lasting consequence he did in his life was to give directions to some 17-year-old kid he ran into in a field.

From time to time I have been asked why Judaism and the Talmud concern themselves with picayune matters. The answer is that the mitzvot are not just about our doing God's will. They also serve as a regimen for learning how to increase the holiness in the world. An important facet of this is for us to learn that we cannot judge how much holiness accrues from a specific act. Something we deem very small may actually, in the larger scheme of things, prove to be very significant.

On a related note, there is a tradition that the prophet Elijah wanders the world every now and then to see if we are yet ready for the Messiah. In these tales, Elijah disguises himself as a beggar or some other lowly person. It is a test to see if people react to him or what they perceive his circumstances to be. These stories have served to teach me to treat people with kindness. How do I know that a person I am dealing with isn't really Elijah? Would I want to take that chance?

We are all familiar with the concept of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. As we are told in the *pirke Avot*, we are not required to complete the work, but neither are we free to desist from it. We are partners with God in the creation of the world, in that we can make it better than we found it. What kind of world do we want to create, and how best to do it?

All of our actions, as well as our interactions with others, present us with the chance to increase the holiness in the world. It isn't a

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matter of whether you would if you were given the opportunity, for the opportunity presents itself with stunning regularity. How will you respond when it next presents itself to you? For Jimmy Allen Ruth, it came down to something as simple and as consequential as offering to drive a bus for paying passengers.



## Temple Beth El President's Message

Hello!

Thank you to all who attended the annual congregational meeting. There were many decisions to be made and the future of Temple Beth El depended on your presence. You made your concerns heard and now we will move forward together.

Mazel Tov to Avigail Samoshuk! Your Bat Mitzvah was a beautiful celebration of family and friends. Congratulations to you and your family.

I look forward to working with the new president of Temple Emanu-El, Judi Goldstone and would like to thank Rachel Smith and wish her all the best as she steps down.

The search committee continues its quest to find a new spiritual leader.

Rabbi Mark Perman, one of the candidates, will conduct Kabbalat Shabbat Services on July 9th. I hope we can fill the Zoom screen and celebrate Erev Shabbat together. Please join us.

Lay leaders will conduct most of the summer services and I thank them in advance for leading us in prayer. If you would like to reserve a date to do a service, please call Mundy to schedule.

Cantor Fader and Elliott Rabin will be joining us for the High Holidays. It will be wonderful to celebrate together once again.

Stay well, be safe and enjoy the summer.

Todah rabah,  
Marsha

## Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

As I write this message it is the middle of June, but Rosh Hashanah is again very early and there are a lot of things to make us all aware of.

We had a very quiet 18 months and now it appears we will be able to plan some functions to enjoy, as well as our very important holiday observances. Some of the ones we are aware of at this date are the High Holy Days as well as the summer services, so here goes.

**Rosh Hashana** – September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and it is also Labor Day on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Yom Kippur** – September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

### SUMMER SERVICES - Friday

#### JULY

7/2/2021 – Rabbi and Aliza Gerstein  
7/9/2021 – Rabbi Perman our Guest  
7/16/2021 – Bob Hammond  
7/23/2021 – To be determined  
7/30/2021 – To be determined

#### AUGUST

8/6/2021 – David Goldbas  
8/13/2021 – Agafya Stanislav (Bat Mitzvah)  
8/20/2021 – Sara Witonsky (Bat Mitzvah)  
8/27/2021 – To be determined

We hope to be able to share some enjoyable events as this year moves on, watch the bulletin for the announcements.

We also hope we get some nice summer days to enjoy and relax. There is someone in the office Monday through Thursday if you need us.

Mundy



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## Here is a good chuckle for you Old Words - New Meanings

### OLD WORD      PRONUNCIATION NEW MEANING

**Arbitrator**      \ar-bi-tray'-ter\

A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's

**Avoidable**      \uh-voy'duh-buhl'\

What a bullfighter tries to do

**Baloney**      \buh-lo'-nee\

Where some hemlines fall

**Bernadette**      \burn'-a-det\

The act of torching a mortgage

**Burglarize**      \bur'-gler-ize\

What a crook sees with

**Eyedropper**      \i'-drop-ur\

What a clumsy ophthalmologist does

**Heroes**      \hee-roes'\

What a guy in a boat does

**Relief**      \ree-leef\

What trees do in the spring

**Selfish**      \sel'-fish\

What the owner of a seafood store does

# Temple Beth El Cemetery News

It's time to schedule headstone and footstone cleaning



# NOW

## Cleaning Headstones and Footstones

at

Temple Beth El Cemetery  
House of Israel Cemetery  
(Mason Road Cemetery)  
Shaarei Tefillah Cemetery  
Jonathan Lodge Cemetery

The orders MUST be in and paid for by the **second week in August** so the cleanings can be done before the 2022/5782 High Holy Days.

### **The cost of cleaning is very reasonable:**

Headstones \$50.00

Footstones \$35.00

(This must be paid prior to cleaning)

All you have to do is send a note, send an email or give us a call at Temple Beth El, send your payment and we will take care of the rest.

**Perhaps you could even send a little extra and have a headstone or footstone cleaned for someone who has no family left to care for their plot.**

THIS WOULD BE A **MITZVAH** FOR YOU!

Many of the family members buried at our cemeteries were members of the military. If you let us know we could add a flag to their grave.

We want to keep these cemeteries as beautiful as possible.



## Temple Beth El August Simcha Grams



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	Date	AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Ellie Neslin	02	Richard and Heather Cohen	8/9/97
Sylvia Herman	07	Kalman and Vicki Socolof	8/31/80
Max Kowalsky	09	Mark and Kathy Smith	8/26/00
Judy Oster	10		
Rita Manning	17		
Ben Hirshfield	20		
Irving Feldman	25		
Mundy Shapiro	30		

Enclosed is \$1.50 per name that I have indicated. I have enclosed a check made out to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of Simcha Grams

Mail to:

**Rae Rosenfeld  
3008 Oneida Street  
Sauquoit, NY 13456**

Due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month  
I have printed my name as I wish it to appear on the Simcha Gram.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call the Temple Office 724-4751, if you wish to add any names to the list.



## Temple Beth El July Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of July 3 to 9, 2021, 23 to 29 Tammuz 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 2, 2021

Albert Abraham	Syra Friedlander*	Mathew Klein*	Abraham Rossky*
Sallye Abramson*	Leah Friedman*	Albert Morris*	Wolf Smith*
Sarah Kirshtein Beisser	Moses A. Goldenson	Louis Movsh*	Sol Shattan*
Anna R. Bartnick*	Julius Grossman*	David Nathan*	Bessie Cohen Siegel*
Beatrice Burke*	Stephen P. Goldstone*	Jack Rosen	Leon Sack*
Harry Copeland*	Adolph Jacobs*	Morris Rudolph*	Rachel Sumberg*
Dr. Irving Cramer*	Fannie Krulik*	Anne Schainuck Robbins*	Rachael Lewis Wolfe*
Edith Edelman*			Charles Wineburgh*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of July 10 to 16, 2021, 1 to 7 Av 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 9, 2021

Abraham S. Braverman*	Joseph Gray*	Julius Levine	Sarah Samuels*
Anna Bernstein	Aaron Goldstone*	David Myers*	Maurice Snyder*
Harry Cohen*	Melvin Hollander*	Manuel J. Mansky*	Isidor Speiller*
Ray Cone*	Morris B. Horowitz*	Eva Marmelstein*	Morris Vyner*
Lillian Shapiro Cramer*	Julius Kaletsky*	Elizabeth Newberger	Nathan Wilcove*
Sarah Samuels Glickstein*	Rebecca Karinsky*	Bella K. Perlman*	Celia Woloshin*
Sheva Gilbert*	Larry Kall*	Edith Potash*	Tina L. Wolfe*
Gisella Grossman*	Jane Lindey*	Ethel Cohen Rosen*	Freda Haven Wallace*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of July 17, to 23, 2021, 8 to 14 Av 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 16, 2021

Harry 'Doc' Arlen*	Esther Fox*	Ida Nusbaum*	Charles T. Sitrin*
Betty Cohen Alpert	Amy Kowalsky Gaudin	Joseph Philipson*	Joseph Segall
Hanna Arlen*	Anne Gross	Carlotta Krohn Posternak*	Joseph Simons*
Frances Barth*	Morton Goldstone*	Ann Heiten Rosenberg*	Bertha Snyder*
Toby Brooks	Anna Belle Weiss Harris*	Ruth Robbins*	Shirley Kaplan Tannenbaum*
Ruth E Cummins	William Kohn	Louis Rubin*	Herri Van Leeuwen

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of July 24 to 30, 2021, 15 to 21 Tammuz 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 23, 2021

Bessie H. Abelson*	Lillian Lenchner Goodfriend*	Paula Mettleman	Fannye Stone
Martin Benson*	Pearl Hymes*	E. Michael Meyer*	Joseph Sonneborn*
Johanna R. Braverman	Sadie Kopel*	Jennie Rubin*	Theodore H. Silverman*
George Bernstein*	Meyer Kleiman*	Sadye Rockford*	Jacob Tumposky*
Harry Caplan*	Nathan Katzman*	Rose Rudolph*	Moses A. Winnick*
Alfred Cohn*	AnnaLee Kamin*	Anna Sladusky*	Esther Winnick*
Harry S. Demell*			Ida Yatkowsky*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of July 31 to August 6, 2021, 22 to 28 Av 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 30, 2021

Harry Barsky*	Diane K. Goldman*	David Mettelman*	Nathan L. Potash*
Solomon Bernstein*	Jack Glover*	Anna F. Marans*	Goldie H. Rosenwald*
Dr. Gerald D. Berkowitz*	Dr. Alfred Heymann*	Hyman Philipson*	Martha Root*
Harry Cramer*	William B. Leventhal*	Esther Rose Pleeter*	Edward L. Rosenthal*
Rae Smith Frankman*	Nancy Frances Meyer*	Jacob (Jack) Philipson*	Leon Sperling*
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