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Temple Beth El Service Schedule

Services at Temple Beth El



L'shahah Tovah!
5781

Services via ZOOM at
5:30 PM Friday
By: Cantor Kalman Socolof
See your email for an
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please email
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on the list.

Dear Friends,
To help make a minyan. Please join us.

Temple Beth El Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING – 5780

September 4, 2020	7:13 PM
September 11, 2020	7:01 PM
September 18, 2020	6:48 PM
September 25, 2020	6:35 PM
October 31, 2020	6:23 PM

**SEE DETAILED HIGH HOLY
DAY SCHEDULES FOR
BOTH TEMPLES INSIDE
THE BULLETIN.**

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.

Temple Beth El

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Temple Beth El Cantor Message

Two and a half years ago I started teaching an adult education class at Temple Beth Joseph in Herkimer. There were a few people in the community who were interested in converting to Judaism. As I am not a rabbi, and cannot convene a Bet Din, I was not in a position to hold a conversion class, so it was simply a class for those interested in learning more about Judaism. We had a fairly even mix of Jews and non-Jews.

A bit over a year ago, thanks to the good offices of our USCJ Kehilla Relations Manager, we were put in touch with a rabbi who agreed to supervise the conversion process. I did the majority of the teaching, using his curriculum. Last month, we held the Bet Din and mikvah for four adults and three children.

It was a very happy occasion. I wish I could convey to you their excitement, joy and pride. This was the culmination of a long effort, and the attainment of something they had truly wanted and worked for. It was a blessing to be a part of.

Their excitement caused me to think of my own. Was I engaged in Judaism as they were, as a full commitment and a specific life choice? You might be inclined to say "Well, of course you are engaged. You're a cantor!" And so I am. But that speaks more to involvement than engagement, and these are separate things. Being involved speaks to participating and being busy with the tasks involved in operating the synagogue (services, school, b'nei mitzvahs, weddings, funerals, etc.). While engagement can have a few meanings, here I am talking in the sense of it meaning engrossed. It is the difference between those who may, from time to time, pick up an instrument to play, and those who cannot imagine going a day without playing.

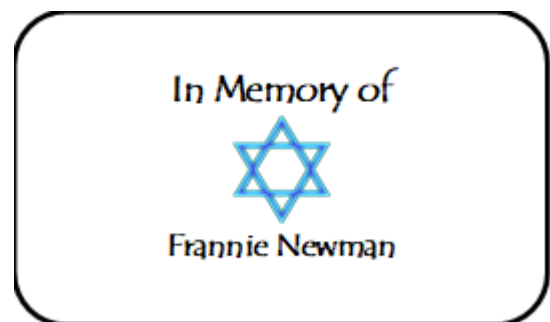
I invite you to ask yourself the same question: how engaged with Judaism are you? Is it a tangential aspect of your life, something that you may notice from time to time? Or is it an essential part of who you are and what you do, infusing every day if not every action?

One of the goals of living a Jewish life is to live with *kavanah*, intent. Abraham Joshua Heschel, of blessed memory, said, "A moral deed unwittingly done may be relevant to the world because of the aid it renders unto others. Yet a deed without devotion, for all its effects on the lives of others, will leave the life of the doer unaffected. The true goal for man is *to be* what he *does*."

What better time than the High Holidays, a time specifically reserved for introspection, to consider our own performance of the *mitzvot*. Are we going through the motions, or are we treating each mitzvah with anticipation and joy, as an opportunity to more fully connect with the Almighty?

As we observe the Days of Awe, and pray that the coming year sees us all written for life, health, prosperity and peace, let us take some time to think about whether we act with *kavanah*, and how we might try to tap in to that excitement of those who are just being given the opportunity to live as Jews.

Cantor Socolof



Temple Beth El President's Message

Shalom My Friends!

Needless to say, it is a crazy time for all of us but as you see I said it anyway!

The attendance for Kabbalat Shabbat services has been wonderful. Thank you to Cantor Socolof, Gleb, Sofia and Susan for leading the services through the summer. I am so glad many learned to use and took advantage of the Zoom app so we could pray together and schmooze a bit. It has been a great way to keep in "touch".

Services will remain online for the fall for the safety of all of us. If we do not have your email, please contact me at beauboxer@aol.com, so I can add you to the list to receive the Zoom notifications.

As you may know, Cantor Fader and Elliot Rabin will not be joining us this year for the High Holidays. Temple Beth Joseph in Herkimer and Kneseth Israel Synagogue in Gloversville have both graciously offered to share their Bimah with us **ONLINE** for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. (Herkimer will be using the same book as we do. Gloversville will be putting the prayers on the screen to follow along.) You will be able to sign on to view the service. **The links will be sent to you if we have your email address.**

Please look at the holiday schedule for the times of services in this issue of the Temple Times.

If you would like to pick up a book to follow along during services, (The New Machzor-Hadash), you may do so outside Temple on **Monday, September 14th from 1-3 PM or Tuesday, September 15th from 11-12 PM or 5-6 PM.** If these times are not convenient or you need the book delivered, please call the office to make arrangements. (315-724-4751)

On September 13th at 10:30AM, Cantor Socolof will conduct the annual cemetery service at the Temple Beth El Cemetery. He will also be available for individual grave visits.

As we begin 5781, may the pandemic ease and a vaccine be found? It is a time in our lives that will never be forgotten.

I wish you and yours a very healthy and peaceful new year.

L'shana tova tikateyvu,
Marsha



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HELP US LOCATE FAMILIES

If you know anyone who has family buried in any of our cemeteries that have family members who have gravestones in disrepair please ask them to contact us or simply send us their address and we will contact them. This way when they come to visit their loved ones, they will be greeted with a clean well maintained monument.

Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

This will be a different year, we are dealing with a "New Normal". The COVID 19 Pandemic has really changed our lives, but we have 3 of the most important days of our beautiful religion that must be observed, and we will observe them on the right days. The format may be different, a bit shorter, from our homes on ZOOM, missing our family but the sound of the service and desire to be part of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will get us through the days we almost know by heart.

Rosh Hashanah on September 19 and 20, 2020, and Yom Kippur September 27 and 28, 2020 will be observed in our homes on Zoom with our Temples help.

This is a time for reflection, gentleness and taking stock of ourselves. As we give thoughts to ourselves and our family we should also rededicate ourselves to the rich wisdom of our religion, the moral and ethical teaching of Judaism which are so much a part of the prayers and mood of the High Holy Days.

This season of the year is a time to open new pages in our lives. May we observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to the best of our ability this year, with reverence and thought.

We have to observe the rules of the experts in the medical field to be able to stop the pandemic from continuing to grow. It is up to all of us to do the right thing.

May our congregation, as well as those around us be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good and healthy year, as we pray for peace and good health in our country, Israel and our world.

L'Shanah Tova Tikatayvu,
Mundy and Stan

LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR

Cemetery News

Cleaning Headstones and Footstones

at

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

We have received many requests for cleaning headstones and footstones at our cemeteries. Now is the last chance to send in the request, for this year.

In the past 4 years we have cleaned 200 + headstones and footstones and what a difference it made. Our cemeteries are beginning to look so beautiful and well cared for. We are so proud of the effort that many families made to beautify their cemetery plots. However there are many more stones that need our tender loving care.

The cost of cleaning is very reasonable:

- Headstones \$50.00
- Footstones \$35.00

If you are planning to have your family plot cleaned send a note, send an email or give us a call 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!**

**NEXT MONTH LOOK FOR SOME
IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE
CEMETERY RULES and REGULATIONS**



New Year's Greetings

May this coming year 5781 be one of spiritual attainment.

May it usher in a new era of brotherhood and peace for all mankind.

We wish our friends and families a year full of peace, love, laughter and good health.

Cantor and Mrs. Kalman Socolof wish everyone a Happy New Year

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| 🍎 Aliza and Cantor Gerstein | 🍎 The Hirshfields – L'Shanah Tovah |
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| | 🍎 Frances "Cis" Rogers |



L 'Shanah Tovah Tikatayvu

"May you be inscribed for a good year!"



Clip and Save

Temple Beth El **High Holy Days** **Book Pick Up** **Outside Temple Beth El**

Monday 9/14/2020

1:00 to 3:00

Tuesday 9/15/2020

11:00 to 12:00

And

5:00 to 6:00

Just drive up and we will hand you what you need. You don't have to leave your car.

May this coming year 5781 be one of physical and spiritual healing.

May we find ways to focus on and celebrate that which unites us, so that we may recognize that our differences are dwarfed by our similarities.

May the worst day of 5781 outshine the best of 5780. May you and your families enjoy a year of good health, love, peace, laughter and joy.

Cantor and Mrs. Kalman Socolof

Mazel Tov
to
Story Ada Sossen
on becoming a
Bat Mitzvah.

Story is the daughter of
Lee Sossen
and
Sherri Williams
and
the granddaughter of
Adele and Robet Sossen

Temple Beth El Simcha Boards

Temple Beth El has Simcha Boards to celebrate birthdays, Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, anniversaries, graduations, weddings and honors.

If there is someone in your family or a friend you would like to recognize, you may do so by sending all the necessary details to the office. For \$125.00. you can make someone proud and happy forever.



Temple Beth El Memorial Boards

The long hallway where Temple Beth El's sanctuary and office are located contains our Memorial Boards. If you have a family member that you would like to memorialize and have a memorial light lit on the week of their yahrzeit year after year, you may call the office. The cost of the plaque is \$300.00.

For any questions or additional information to honor or memorialize a loved one call the office at 315 724 4751.

Mundy

Temple Beth El October Simcha Grams



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	Oct	OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Cis Rogers	03	Mark and Diane Kall	10/5/91
Sam Stern	03	Stanley and Mundy Shapiro	10/21/56
Rosalyn Philipson	08		
Leo Orkin	11		
Jeremy Schor	12		
Chet Cohen	14		
Sherry Cooperman	14		
Adam Hirshfield	21		
Norman Siegel	26		
Barry J. Benson	28		
Michael Foote	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 15th of the month

I have printed my name and date as I wish it to appear on the Simcha Gram.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please call the Temple Office 315-724-4751, if you wish to add any names to the list

Temple Beth El September Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of September 5 to 11, 2020 - 16 to 22 Elul 5780

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday September 4, 2020

Family of Mrs. Rivkah Baril*	Dr. Saul Finer	Evelyn Lacher*	Ethel Rose Solomon
Family of Mrs. Chayah Barrat*	Lewis Fink*	Evelyn Wineburgh Lacher*	Elias L. Sevilla*
Joseph Brooks*	Chaya Leibe Friedman*	Jessie Libbie Lazarus*	Eva Sugarman*
Miriam Baker*	Lipman Fialko*	Helen H. Mathiasen*	Louis Sugarman*
Irma Lumberg Berger*	Bessie C. Goldman*	Hinda R. Movsh*	Hy Slakter*
Morris Bittker*	Hattie S. Galinsky*	Leo Rudnick*	Philip Simons*
Diana Boff*	Benjamin C. Grossman*	Robert Rosenfeld	Rachel F. Sumberg*
Joseph T. Cramer*	Dr. Harold Katzman*	Leon Sperling Family*	William E. Woods
George Cherr*	Morris Kay*	Herbert Spring	Ethel Cone Wilcove*
Ida Cohen*			Jennie Weinstein*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of September 12 to 18, 2020 – 23 to 29 Elul 5780

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday September 11, 2020

Norman Asher*	Mary Kaplan Greenfield*	Sadie Oberman*	Fannie Silverman*
Samuel Bedzofsky*	Charles M. Karo*	Eliaser Y. Rizika*	Florence L. Slater*
Neville D. Barnett	Adele L. Karo*	Joseph Rubin*	Lillian Shapiro*
Chaye Cohen*	Adolph Lenchner*	Esther Simon*	Tillie Sonne
Freda L. Caro*	Mildred Leve*	Samuel Snyder*	Laurence R. Stone*
Ida Daniels*	Rosalyn Lowen	Gershon Smith*	Bernice Smith*
Jane Freeman*	George Mengers*	Sara Samuels*	Wesley H. Smith
Betty Fink	Albert I. Mishket*	Amelia Shacofsky*	Milton Winter*
Birdye Goldwater*	Abe E. Nathan*	Mary Lena Solomon*	Eliahu Zuta*
I. Wolfe Gilbert*	Harry Oberman*	Morris Shulman*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of September 19 to 25, 2020 – 1 to 7 Tishrei 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday September 18, 2020

Esther Ableson	Hilda H. Friedlander*	Emanuel A. Lichtman*	Fannie D. Rosenthal*
Fannie Block*	Minnie Grossman*	Anna LeBlang	Charles Robbins*
Louis Cohen*	Leah Berger Goldstein	Dr. Leonard Levinson*	Isaac Smith*
Muriel Cohen	Elaine Silverstein Gurvitz*	Goldie S. Levee*	Ray K. Stone*
Elias Simon Damsky*	Benjamin Harris*	Family Malachowski*	Milton Solomon
Mannie Feldman*	Morton D. Kowalsky*	Alan Copeland Movsh*	Morris J. Savett*
Morace Freedman*	Rose Kopel Krohn*	Violet Sonneborn Myerberg*	Raymond Smith
Rose Frankel*	Alex Landau	Michael Nusbaum*	Jacob Winnick*
Katherine Freeman*			Mollie Wertheim

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Sept 26 to October 2, 2020 – 8 to 14 Tishrei 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday September 25, 2020

Eugenia Alperovich*	Arthur Galinsky*	David H. Lurie*	Natalie M. Shapiro*
Benjamin B. Burke*	Harriet Harrison*	Harriet Marmelstein*	Helene Smith*
Anne Bonnett*	Jacob Horowitz*	Anne Nusbaum Polin*	Rachel Toffler*
Tillie Bittker*	Jacob W. Jacobson*	Aviva Philipson	Hilda Trapanick
Sara Smith Cohen*	Shirley Jacobson*	Fay Rawitz*	Leon Bennie Wilcove*
Lena Jacobson*	Pinhas & Hanah Kacenelenbogen	Philip Rosen*	Gordon Weinstein*
Morris Denmark*	Harry Levinson*	Samuel M. Sumburg*	Moses Lewis Wineburgh*
Mae Goodman*			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of October 3 - 9, 2020 – 15 to 21 Tishrei 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 2, 2020

Jennie Braverman*	William Danner*	Samuel Levine	Samuel Ribyat*
William Boff*	Eva Ekstein*	Henry Levine*	Jeannette H. Sonneborn*
Alan J. Blaustein*	Libby Goldstein*	Joseph Morris*	John Sheiman*
Joseph Brooks*	Sarah L. Grossman*	Abraham W. Philipson*	Yale Smith*
Muriel Bartnick	Ben Jacobson	Lydia J. Rudnick*	Philip E. Sonne*
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If you are interested, please contact either Mundy 315-724-4751 or Rita 315-724-4177.

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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27 Erev Yom Kippur TBE Service 6:30 PM	28 Yom Kippur TBE Service 10:00 AM	29	30		