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- Services via ZOOM and IN PERSON – Fridays, 5:30 p.m.
- TBD if services will be in person or Zoom or both – Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Watch your email for more information and/or an invitation.

If we don't have your email please call the office or email it to beauboxer@aol.com.

Weekly Torah & Candle Lighting

Shemini Atzeret

Candle lighting: October 6th, 6:16 p.m.

Shabbat ends: October 7th, 7:14 p.m.

Parashat Bereshit

Candle lighting: October 13th, 6:04 p.m.

Shabbat ends: October 14th, 7:02 p.m.

Parashat Noach

Candle lighting: October 20th, 5:52 p.m.

Shabbat ends: October 21st, 6:52 p.m.

Parashat Lech-Lecha

Candle Lighting: October 27th, 5:52 p.m.

Shabbat ends: September 28th, 6:42 p.m.

Address changes

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.

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T H E S E A R E T H E W O R D S

*O, Lord! O, Lord!
Compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger,
abounding in love and faithfulness.
Shemot, 34:6*

יהוה, יהוה,
אל רחום וחנון,
ארך אפיים
ורב חסד ואמת.
שמות לד, ו

I am writing these lines as the melodies and words of the prayers of Yamim Noraim (High Holy Days) confront our conscience with the possibility of improving our future through the self-reflection that is still resonating in our heads, bodies, and souls.

It is so powerful to have the ability to change our lives! How meaningful that we can hold in our own hands the tools to improve our environment, help ourselves, and those around us to have a better coexistence!

There was an Argentinian humorist who created, among other things, a comic strip called Mafalda. I do not think it has been published in the U.S. It is the story of a girl of 8 to 10 years of age who with a group of friends had a strong

commitment to the social realities of Argentina and the world, as well as knowledge of political situations worldwide. In each comic strip, they commented and criticized different situations they felt were unfair or in need of change. Sometimes a sarcastic sense was added, while other times, an innocent one.

I recall one in which one of her friends, along with the protagonist, reflected on the New Year. They said it is like a blank notebook when each person can start writing something new and better than what they wrote the previous year. The final response from her friend said it was a pity that many people had their elbow too close to the inkwell and they would probably end up blotting the paper. (The comic was from a time when pens were filled from a bottle called an inkwell.)

We have a very important year ahead of us. As always, it is filled with decisions that can change the course of many lives. This is happening not only in the U.S, but also in Argentina (my home country) and Israel, among others around the world.

Of the three I mentioned, the one that concerns me the most personally is Israel. Not only because my mother and sister with their families live there but also because we are going through a political and religious delicate moment. The freedoms and definitions of who is and who is not Jewish may be at stake. There is nothing more and nothing less.

It is said that just as Jews throughout the diaspora need Israel, Israel also needs each one of us who continues to lead our Jewish lives in the diaspora. And I believe that this is one of those moments when it is essential that we be close in some way and support our home in the Middle East.

For me, this is a year I would like to dedicate to getting closer to Eretz Yisrael. A year where every encounter, every activity, every teaching, and every lesson aim at a close tie to our history, culture, and traditions. It is exactly what I set out to do when I decided to become a Cantor and later a Rabbi.

I hope that 5784 will have a strong emphasis on Israel and I invite you to join me and support us on this path. This would include strong proposals for Yom Ha'atzmaut, the celebration of Israel's independence, Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikoran (Israel's Memorial Day), hopefully in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of the Mohawk Valley and all of those who wish to join.

My first proposal is a Book Club which will always be related to the topics we want to address, not necessarily religious ones. Reading, discussing and studying the suggested book as a group and even more so, to kindle.

As the first option, I suggest meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. We will meet at the homes of the Reading and Study Group in a rotating fashion sharing refreshments. We will vote among a few titles that are suggested and begin reading, analyzing, and discussing the one we have chosen together.

Those of you who may be interested, I invite you to e-mail me and make it a reality. Of course, this is open to the entire Utica community and surrounding areas.

Now that the High Holidays have passed, the Days of Awe, I wish us a year of building together. May we come together and not divide ourselves. We need this to be done. A year in which the most important thing is not to impose our way of thinking, even though we believe it to be the most accurate and just, but to study and learn together, and especially with those with whom we disagree in order to accept differences and coexist while building a better world.

May we avoid spilling the ink from our inkwells onto our notebooks so that what we write may be transferable to everyone around us. As always, Tikun Olam.

Chag Sukkot Sameach v'Chodesh Tov!! Let's have a Happy and Joyful Sukkot and a good month for all of us.

Rabbi Gustavo Geier

As you read this, the high holy days of 5784 are almost over. It was a very busy time, as it is every year. I would like to show my appreciation and thank the following people for their assistance in making the services run smoothly: Rabbi Geier, Elliott Rabin, Mark Smith, Julie, Stephen and Rae Rosenfeld, Izzy Cominsky, Larry Marks, Aliza Gerstein and all those that were on the Bimah to read, carried a Torah or participated in the services. You took a part in making the holidays special. Todah Rabah!

Thank you to those that helped decorate the Sukkah and also to those that attended the services and enjoyed the experience of activities in the Sukkah.

The students and families of our religious school had the opportunity to decorate the Sukkah at Sitrin's Gan Kavod.

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the festivals are not the only times we come together. Each Friday and Saturday, Rabbi does a beautiful service for Shabbat and we would like to share it with you. It has been 2 years since we moved to 1607. For some of you, it is time you saw our new set up and the beautiful new ark. Every week would be perfect but once a month could be a start. Please give it some thought.

Stay well and be happy,

Marsha

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Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him.

Shemot, 25:2

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שמות כה, ב

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If you can't remember, then it most likely needs to be done again.

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If you would like yours to be lovingly laundered by hand and gently ironed, please contact Temple at (315) 724-4751 so arrangements can be made with Ruth.

Ruth does not charge to do this but asks that you donate to Temple Beth El, in the amount you choose.

If you do not have a case to store your tallit, there is a lovely selection that can be purchased from the gift shop.

SHARE YOUR STORY!

In addition to having a clean pressed tallit, we would like you to share a little story about this tallit or any others you have.

For example, did you receive it as a gift at your Bar Mitzvah or your birthday? Who gave it to you? What year was it? Was it handed down to you from dad?

Temple Beth El would be thrilled to help make these old tallisim from past generations come alive for your descendants and future generations. The history will be written up and added to your file. A copy will be given to you.

There is no charge for this, but a donation may be made to TBE.

When bringing your tallisim to Temple Beth El, please complete this form

Name:

Phone Number or Email:

We want to hear your story! It will be such fun for your descendants and future generations.

When did you receive your tallit?

Who gave it to you?

Anything else you want to share:

S I M C H A G R A M S

*Let all that breathes praise the Lord!
Haleluyah!
Tehilim, 150:6*

כל הנשמה תהלל יה!
הללויה!
תהילים קנ, ו

S I M C H A G R A M S

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Anna Rose Pearlman.....01
- Susan Goldberg.....02
- Mark Smith.....04
- Jason Foote.....09
- Mark Kall.....11
- Aaron Neslin.....16
- Judy Vogel.....16
- Jennifer Kowalsky.....20
- Dorothy Harris.....30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Irving & Rebecca Feldman....11/27/1952



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

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Due by the 15th of the month.

Please call the Temple Office at (315) 724-4751 if you wish to add any names to the list.

Y A H R Z E I T S & C E M E T E R Y N E W S

*Exalted and sanctified be His great name!
Kaddish*

יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבא!
קדיש

Yahrzeit observed during the week of October 7 to 13, 2023, 22 to 28 Tishrei 5784. These will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 6, 2023.

Jennie Braverman*
 Jenny Cohen*
 Craig Klein
 Kenneth Rothschild*
 Louis H. Blaustein*
 Elaine Carol Dresher*
 Dianne B. Kirshtein
 Barnet Silverstein*
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 Lucille Coleman Rizika*
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 Neil A. Cramer*
 Anna Joseph Frank M. Rifkin*

*Denotes Memorial Plaque in the Sanctuary

Yahrzeit observed during the week of October 14 to 20, 2023, 29 Tishrei to 5 Heshvan 5784 . These will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 13, 2023 .

Barney Abelove*
 Monte Futterman
 Eva Kaplan*
 Mayme M Shulman*
 Wolf Alpert
 Dr. Ronald Goldstone*
 Sidney Kamino*
 Emanuel Simon*
 C. Louis Bernstein*
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 Jennie C. Katzman
 Yerachim Samuels*
 Meyer Pincus Brill*
 Seymour Greene*
 Evelyn Keehn
 Harris Sladusky*
 Ben B. Brown
 Ruth R. Goldstone*
 Meyer Henry Lindey*
 Victor H. Smith*
 Joseph Cramer*
 Lillian Gordon*

Lucille Bartnick Leimsidor*
 Esther G. Vyner*
 Esther Feller
 Jami Rose Grossman*
 Adelaide Lumberg*
 Celia Wohlhandler
 Frieda Fisher
 Jacob J. Katzman*
 Irving Myers*
 Mary Wolfe Winnick*
 Benjamin Flaum
 Katie Kaplan*
 Gertrude Peretz*
 Joseph M. Wineburgh*
 Samuel Fein*
 Shirley Kerner*
 William Slakter*
 Charles L. Weitzman*

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YAHREZIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21 TO 27, 2023, 6 TO 12 HESHVAN 5784. THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2023.

Manny Abelow*
 Isaac Dean*
 Hyman Kopel*
 Anna Silverman*
 Alfred Alvin Brown*
 Leah Freeman
 Barney Lumberg*
 David H. Stone*
 Samuel Berkowitz*
 Sarah Fink*
 Mamie Mettelman*
 Dr. Robert Smith*
 Mary Brooks*
 Pesach Galinsky*
 Norman Nathan*
 Mollie Altman Segal*

David Brooks
 Morris Greenburg*
 Jacob L. Nusbaum*
 Mandel G. Schulman*
 Evelyn Rose Buff*
 Dr. Stuart E. Krohn*
 Nathan Rubenstein*
 Fannie Seidenberg
 Sadie Cohen*
 Alan J. Kaplan*
 Charles M. Rizika*
 Arthur Wasserman*
 Michele Dew
 Jeanette S. Katzman*
 Yitzhak Rabin*

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Yahrzeit observed during the week of October 28 to November 3 2023, 13 to 19 Heshvan 5784. These will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 27, 2023.

Miriam L. Abelson*
 Mary B. Freedman*
 Sophia K. Krohngold
 Philip Movsh*
 Esther Mardon Bernstein*
 Samuel Glazer
 Helen Kopel*
 Hattie Rudolph*
 Jane Cone Bonnett*
 Alice Gordon*
 Mabel S. Krohn
 Hashe B. Yitzchok Rivlin*
 Mamie Berman*
 Rose Greenburg*
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 June G. Rizika*
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 Harry Levinson
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 Norma Hope Kennedy*
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 Mary Freeman
 David Weitzman*

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NEWS, CLASSES, EVENTS & CALENDAR

*How good and how pleasant it is
that brothers dwell together.*

Tehilim, 133:1

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4 Religious School 4:15 p.m.	5	6 Shemini Azeret Services 5:15 p.m. SHEMINI AZERET	7 Shemini Azeret w/Yiskor 9:30 a.m. Simchas Torah 7:15 p.m. SHEMINI AZERET/ SIMCHAS TORAH
8	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10	11 Religious School 4:15 p.m.	12	13 Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 p.m.	14 Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
15	16	17	18 Religious School 4:15 p.m.	19	20 Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 p.m.	21 Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
22	23	24	25 Religious School 4:15 p.m.	26	27 Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 p.m.	28 Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
29	30	31				

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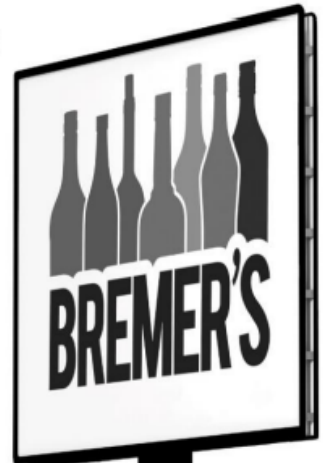
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