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## Temple Beth El Service Schedule



Services via ZOOM at  
5:30 PM Friday and 9:30 AM Saturday  
By: Cantor Kalman Socolof  
See your email for an invitation.  
If we don't have your email please call the  
office or email it to [tbeutica@gmail.com](mailto:tbeutica@gmail.com)



## Temple Beth El Office Hours

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

## CANDLE LIGHTING – 5781

November 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:29 PM
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:21 PM
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	4:15 PM
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:11 PM
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	4:05 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.

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## Temple Beth El Cantor Message

Many years ago, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade of our Hebrew School held a Friday Night service, as was the custom at the time. The youngsters sat to the side of the bimah as the rabbi and I conducted the service. During the d'var Torah, the students were not appropriately quiet, despite a few rounds of shushing. So I left the bimah and sat among them, which quelled the talk.

In class the following Monday, I directed them to write an essay on why it was important to act respectfully in services. One of the young scholars chose, instead, to write about why it was not important to do so. He suggested that it would be important if he had an established relationship with those at the synagogue, but not otherwise. I had him read Martin Buber.

I was reminded of this when another child of Temple Beth El wrote on social media of how their four-year-old child, during a Zoomed Yom Kippur service, asked, "Why do I have to be quiet? The rabbi can't hear me."

To those of us who have spent years attending services at the synagogue, it is natural for our behavior during this new mode of praying to mirror our behavior at the House of Worship, be that the Temple or the JCC. But what do we say to a child who does not have that experience? A child who, although young, clearly understands the concept of muting the audio feed? The response I posted was, "The rabbi, no. God?"

As a prayer leader, I am sensitive to the fact that people are listening to me as I chant the prayers. I try to be careful to pronounce each word clearly and correctly. I also understand that some focus on the melody. Either way, my part is to act as a catalyst for the other participants. The goal is to help direct their thoughts so that their prayer experience is meaningful. In other words, to better let them listen to themselves.

As I have considered it, a better answer to the child might have been, "No, the rabbi can't hear you, but when you are speaking, you aren't listening, especially to yourself." This may be a bit deep for a four-year-old, I know, but I think it really addresses what we are trying to achieve during a service, whether we are all in the same room or not. I cannot help but wish I had the experience and wit to offer it to that student long ago. There may have been things there worth listening to.

Cantor Socolof



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☆ Chuck and Rita Manning

## Temple Beth El President's Message

**"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all." Stanley Horowitz**

Together we celebrated the holidays once again. They were not the usual but we were able to come together through technology and share them with family and friends. The invitation was extended to Temple Beth Joseph for Sukkoth and a minyan was complete. It does take a community! Cantor Socolof, thank you for leading our prayers.

Please remember to return the Machzors (black book) to temple. You may leave them inside the back door but please put your name with them so we may check you off the list. The Sim Shalom (blue book) will be needed for Friday nights and Saturdays.

We will continue to Zoom for Erev Shabbat (5:30pm) and Shabbat morning (9:30am) as we go through this spike of Covid-19.

For years, I have been asking what we will do when Cantor decides to retire. If you have not heard, Cantor Socolof will be stepping down after 36 years. He will complete 5781 and his full time duties. His retirement is well deserved and we all wish him well. If and when we are through this pandemic, we will come together and celebrate his years of serving Temple Beth El. I am sure you realize we have been very fortunate to have Kal this many years.

The Jewish community has to come together over the past months to put together packages for those in need. The first contained cleaning supplies; the second for personal hygiene and the next will be winter clothing. If you could donate articles of clothing or money to be used to purchase hats or gloves, please contact **Vic at the JCC. 315•733•2343.**

If you have not already done so, this is a friendly reminder to send in your dues and Yom Kippur Appeal.

**"Autumn is the season to find contentment at home by paying attention to what we already have." UNKNOWN**

At times it is difficult to have a positive outlook. We have been through other troublesome times in history and made it through. We need to be thankful for what we do have.

**"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day." Shira Tamir**

Please take care, stay well and VOTE!

Shalom,  
Marsha

## CONGRATULATIONS

Evegenii, Tatiana,  
Bozhena, Gleb, Sofia  
and Mikhael Samoshuk  
on becoming citizens  
of the  
United States!

We wish you all the best!

## Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

As I gave thought to writing this bulletin message, I thought of all the memories, thank you's and details of past messages describing how we turned the auditorium of the JCC into a lovely sanctuary where we shared our warm and caring High Holy Days.

Unfortunately, due to the serious effects of the Covid19 pandemic we were all at home, on Zoom, listening to services we have shared for so many years.

We thank Toby Maser for all the work she did to include Temple Beth El in the services on Zoom, as well as Cantor Socolof and the members of Temple Beth Joseph that were part of the set up and the services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

All this effort was a first-time event and everyone involved did a great job. I heard not one complaint and we had the opportunity to pray, to welcome the New Year, to atone for our sins and for forgiveness and to be placed in the Book of Life and sealed for another good healthy and happy year.

We tried to make up for having to be at home and on our own by making the prayer books available, and it was nice that we repeated last year's gift of honey and apples and added an up to date calendar to start our New Year 5781.

I hope everyone knows our Temple is closed because of spacing for us, but we are available for anyone in need of information, to speak to Cantor Socolof or has a need we can help to solve.

We thank our President, Marsha Silverman and David Lowitz, Chair of the Ritual Committee for the effort it took to get the holiday started with warmth and caring.

This season of the year is a time to open new pages in our lives, as we do that let us go forward with good thoughts, happy times and appreciation for all the days of the year. Let us pray for peace in Israel, our country and the world.

Le Shana Tovah  
Tikatavu  
Mundy and Stan



### **Cleaning Headstones and Footstones**

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

We have had 15 headstones and over 20 footstones cleaned this fall. They look remarkable and make the cemetery look so loved and well cared for.

### **THINK SPRING**

We will be taking orders in the spring for next year's cleaning. Our plan is to have all the requests in by the second week in August so we can schedule the cleanings before the High Holy Days.

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

- Headstones \$50.00
- Footstones \$35.00

So in the spring 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!**

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.

Please join our family as

# Brianna Rose McKeever

Daughter of Robert and Meira McKeever

Become at Bat Mitzvah

November 7, 2020 / 20 Cheshvan 5781



November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Friday Night  
Zoom Service  
6:00 PM



November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday  
Facebook Live  
Service\*  
10:00 AM



Brianna McKeever will be turning 13 on November 8th and is excited to be becoming a bat mitzvah. Daughter to Robert and Meira McKeever and big sister to Meredith. She is the great granddaughter to Holocaust survivors David and Nancy Yeger. Her Hebrew name, Tzipora, is in memory of David's youngest sister who perished in the Holocaust. Brianna is fierce, smart, and kind. She is a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and also a baby whisperer. She is amazing with her young cousins. This year Brianna has joined the Whitesboro Field Hockey team and loves her new sport. Her career goal is to be an occupational therapist for children with special needs.

\*The service may be accessed by going to the Temple Emanu-El Facebook Page

## Temple Beth El December Simcha Grams



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	Dec	DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	Date
David Finer	12/02	Stanley and Aliza Gerstein	12/25/61
Eleanor Cohen	12/03		
Andrew Philipson	12/11		
Aliza Gerstein	12/13		
Mel Oster	12/17		
Sharon Orkin	12/24		
Heidi Foote	12/31		

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  
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Due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month

I have printed the 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 November Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of November 7 to 13, 2020 –  
20 to 26 Heshvan 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday November 6, 2020

Ethel Case Berkowitz	Harry Friedlander	Edith S. Levy*	Rhoda Ribyat*
Goldie Brooks*	Harry M. Glick*	Regina Mailman*	Sarah Snyder*
Helen Weitzman Braverman*	Samuel Greenberg	Isabel H. Manning*	Sarah H. Speiler*
Phyllis Bernstein*	Jennifer Lynn Golden*	Rose L. Nathan*	Anna Simon*
Joseph Cohen*	Jack D. Goldstone	Sarah Philipson*	Lena Samuels*
Harry Cooperman*	Samuel Hurowitz*	Murray Palmer*	Etta Tumposky*
Rosalyn R. Cramer*	Rose L. Horwitz*	Hyman Rebeck*	Mollie Wilcove
Bella Fein*	Harris Kowalsky*	Lena K. Rosenthal*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of November 14 to 20, 2020 –  
27 Heshvan to 4 Kislev 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday November 13, 2020

Ida Abelove*	Gertrude L. Gennis*	Ruth Kupfer	Edward Sherline*
Joseph E. Berkowitz	Esther Goldstein*	Charles Levine	Abraham Siegel*
Dr. Robert B. Beede*	Myron Greenburg	Sadie Markson*	Stella V. Silverstein*
Abe Barth*	Gertrude F. Jameson	Frances Niederland	Isadore Samuels*
Morris H. Cohen*	Arlyne Rose Kessler*	Jeanette Philipson*	Albert L. Silverman*
Anna Ella Cominsky*	Sarah Cohen Kopel*	Sara Puttock*	Dr. Albert A. Schwartz*
Evelyn Cooperman*	Joseph H. Kerner*	Irving Pollack*	Stephen R. Solomon*
Isaac Edelman*			Benjamin Weitzman*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of November 21 to 27, 2020 –  
5 to 11 Kislev 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday November 20, 2020

Celia K. Arlen*	Miriam Davis Fialko*	Rachel Levin*	Chaim Nachman Rockford*
Sylvia Abrams	Shirley Flax*	Rachel Levine*	Shirley Rosenblum*
Irving Brooks*	Louis Goldman*	Rose Slakter Ludwig*	E. Michael Spieler*
Helen Miller Bernstein*	Lottie Galinsky*	Ben Movsh*	Edward M. Speiler*
Joseph Chait*	Florence Greene*	Esther M. Philipson*	Fannie Stone*
Bertha S. Charkow*	Herbert Grossman*	Anna Gersten Perlman*	Lena Stark*
Ruth Drescher Cohen	Edward Goldberg	Louis Philipson*	Sidney I. Slavin
Bertha Damsky*	Bruno Illfelder*	Shirley Philipson*	Michael Silverman*
Sam Daniels*	Abraham Klein	Benjamin D. Rosenthal*	Chayah Weisberg*
Ann Rita Edelberg	President John F. Kennedy*	Harold Paul Rizika*	Rose Wolfe*
Albert M. Freeman*			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of November 28 to December 4, 2020 –  
12 to 18 Kislev

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday November 30, 2020

Gertrude Brooks*	Joseph Dantzig*	Eva Sugarman Hoffman	Beatrice Goldbas Ossry*
Lillian Braverman*	Louis Feiner	Harold Hillson	Roxy Pollack*
Henry Buff*	Victor H. Flax*	Mary Hillson	Sadie Small*
Hannah Caplan*	Sarah O. Goldstone*	Hannah Kaplan*	Barbara Galinn Schneider*
Mollie C. Cramer	Morris Goldberg*	Fannie H. Kowalsky*	Clara Sitrin
Rhonda B. Cohen*	Philip Grossman*	Barney Kopel*	Flora Wineberg*
Max Dumain*	Samuel M. Grossman*	Ida Rivlin Markson*	Jennie Wineberg*
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9	10	11	12 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	13 TBE Service 5:30	14 TBE Service 9:30 AM
15	16	17	18	19 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	20 TBE Service 5:30	21 TBE Service 9:30 AM
22	23 	24	25	26 	27 TBE Service 5:30	28 TBE Service 9:30 AM
29	30	