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# Services

## Services

*Services via ZOOM and IN PERSON*

Fridays, 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

*Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6901534759?pwd=YWgzZjNXbDRqbHhqcEtrc3hPTlIBZz09>

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](mailto:beauboxer@aol.com).

## 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.

## Weekly Torah & Candle Lighting

### Parashat Korach

Candle lighting: July 1st, 8:26 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: July 2nd, 9:37 p.m.

### Parashat Chukat

Candle lighting: July 8th, 8:24 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: July 9th, 9:34 p.m.

### Parashat Balak

Candle lighting: July 15th, 8:20 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: July 16th, 9:29 p.m.

### Parashat Pinchas

Candle lighting: July 22nd, 8:15 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: July 23rd, 9:22 p.m.

### Parashat Matot-Masei

Candle lighting: July 29th, 8:08 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: July 30th, 9:13 p.m.

### Parashat Devarim

Candle lighting: August 5th, 8:00 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: August 6th, 9:05 p.m.

### Parashat Vaetchanan

Candle lighting: August 12th, 7:50 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: August 13th, 8:54 p.m.

### Parashat Ekev

Candle lighting: August 19th, 7:40 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: August 20th, 8:42 p.m.

### Parashat Reeh

Candle lighting: August 26th, 7:29 p.m.  
Shabbat ends: August 27th, 8:30 p.m.

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# THESE ARE THE WORDS

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*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

Why do we choose to be Masortim?

In our Temple affiliation, we rarely find ourselves faced with the situation of choosing which Movement within Judaism we identify with. Normally, we go to the synagogue where our parents attended or we pick the one we feel our children will be most comfortable in because more children or school friends already belong to it.

The ongoing Jewish life then either shows us some identification with our selection or confronts us with the inequalities of our feelings, as we live each tefilah or community event that we take part of.

### **1. The Centrality of Modern Israel**

For Conservative Jews as well as for their ancestors, Israel is not only the cradle of the Jewish people, but also its final destination. Sacred texts, historical experience, and liturgical memory have come together to make it for the Jews, in Prophet Ezekiel's words, "the fairest of all lands (20:6)."

Thus, it is understood that there must be a constant commitment for the support of the State of Israel and a pledge to disseminate and educate practical Zionism without a political agenda and to also educate and promote the bond of our children, youth and adults with Eretz Israel.

### **2. Hebrew: The Irreplaceable Language of Jewish Expression**

Hebrew is the irreplaceable language of Jewish expression and is the second core value of Conservative Judaism. It is coexistent with the Jewish people and the many layers of language are a mirror of the cultures in which the Jews perpetuated Judaism. It was never just a vehicle of communication. It is part of the fabric and texture of Judaism. Hebrew words vibrate with religious meaning, moral values and literary associations.

Keeping Hebrew alive within the tefilah and in our daily expressions maintains the roots between the People, wherever they are, and their origins, as well as access to sources in their original language, avoiding tendentious interpretations in certain translations.

### **3. Devotion to the Ideal of Klal Israel**

It is the seamless totality of Jewish existence and the fundamental importance of each individual Jew. In the consciousness of Conservative Judaism, the statement of chaverim kol Israel (all Israel is united in brotherhood) still resonates—despite all the dispersion, dichotomies and politicization that history has jostled upon us, the Jews remain united in a tenacious pilgrimage of universal significance.

This admirable commitment to the well-being of the whole does not come from any special ethnic origin, but from the awareness of belonging to the People of Israel beyond any of those origins, struggling for equal conditions, rights and privileges.

We respect the verdict of the rabbinical courts in all decisions and regarding conversions (giurim), we commit ourselves to respect and include as Yehudi lechol Davar, a Full Jew, those who approach Judaism from the heart, with responsibility to the mitzvot and with the acceptance of Ol Malchut Shamaim (the yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven).

### **4. The Defining Role of the Torah in the Restructuring of Judaism**

After the loss of political sovereignty in 63 B.C.E. and of the Second Temple in 70 C.E. at the hands of the Romans, the Rabbis turned the Torah into a portable homeland, the synagogue into a national theater for religious drama and study into a form of worship. The Torah is the foundation of Judaism, the apex of an inverted pyramid of infinite commentary, not only because it is divine, but because it is sacred, meaning that the Torah was adopted by the Jewish people as a spiritual source. The feeling of individual obligation, of being commanded does not derive only from divine authority, but for those who are more questioning or rebellious, communal consent is added. The Written Torah, no less than the Oral Torah, resonates with the divine-human encounter; we take a pasuk (verse) that has inspired us for more than two thousand years—"lo bashamayim hi"—, which means that the Torah is no longer in heaven and we understand that it was given to us for a respectful interpretation aware of traditions, halachah and deep study.

### 5. Torah Study

The non-dogmatic pre-eminence of the Torah has spawned a text-based culture that highly values individual creativity and legitimate conflict. What Conservative Judaism brings to this ancient and unfinished dialectic are the tools and perspectives of modern scholarship combined with traditional Jewish learning and empathy. Modern Jews deserve the right to study Torah according to their mental world and not just through the eyes of their ancestors. Judaism does not seek to limit our thinking, only our actions. We pursue this study in the conviction that critical scholarship will bring a new religious understanding to the inner life of contemporary Jews.

Perhaps the most important thing, as it has been for more than two millennia, is the acceptance of differences in opinions in each interpretation—always formulated with respect and reverence. Dissent is part of the Masorti ideology. The study, always recommended by at least two people together, lends towards it.

### 6. The Government of Jewish Life by Halachah

The sixth core value expresses the fundamental thrust of Judaism to concretize ethics and theology in daily practice. The natural language of Judaism has always been facts. Conservative Jews are Rabbinic and not Biblical Jews. Imbued with a devotion to klal Israel and a great respect for tradition, they are inclined to sacrifice personal autonomy for a reasonable degree of consensus and uniformity in community life.

Together the commandments and precepts of Jewish law express a society's deep-seated sense of covenant with the divine to finish the task of creation.

However, Conservative Judaism does not consider halachah to be immutable. Its historical sense is too acute to affirm this. Historically considered, the halachic system shows a pattern of constant receptivity, change and variety, long before the foundation of liberal movements. Therefore, Conservative Judaism regards it a justification for valid adjustments when absolutely necessary. The result is a body of conservative law sensitive to human needs, halachic integrity and the global character of the Jewish community.



Due deliberation generally avoided the adoption of positions that turned out to be unwise and unacceptable, always considering the minority votes in the Rabbinical Assembly, generating an opening in the Rabbinical decisions within each Community.

Far from being a movement with a “light” Halacha, this commitment for inclusion and discussion generates the enormous effort to confront and accept dissent. It is a necessary and fundamental term in our historical halachah and particularly within the Masorti Movement.

### **7. Belief in God**

Finally, we come to the seventh, most basic and founding core value of Conservative Judaism: the belief in God. It is the value that plants religious nationalism and the national religion that are inseparable from Judaism on the universal soil of monotheism. If we remove God, the object of the Jewish people's millennial quest, the rest will soon disintegrate.

For Judaism, therefore, God is a felt presence rather than a visible form, a voice rather than a vision. The Revelation tends to be an auditory experience and not a visual experience.

The greatness of God is rarely compromised by the urge to see or the need to capture Him in human language. Yet God's closeness and compassion are affirmed by the senses. The austerity of the one and the intimacy of the other are the difference between what we know and what we feel. God is remote and close, transcendent and immanent. To do justice to our heads and hearts, to the whole person, Judaism has never downplayed the polarity that lies in the midst of its monotheistic faith.

God is who was, is and will be. It is that partner who entrusted us with the enormous task of Tikkun Olam, the betterment of this world. It is with whom we fight in respectful dissent and from whom we accept everything, even in our ignorant misunderstanding. It is from whom we expect all things and to whom we owe the individual, the collective and the global every day of our lives.

As Conservative or Masortim Jews, we recognize the Rabbinical Authority and the entity of the different Rabbinical Assemblies that represent the movement in what concerns Halachic decisions.

**R A B B I ' S W O R D**

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Being a Masorti Jew involves you, compels you to make decisions and take action in a daily commitment with your congregation, with your society and with the world. This commitment requires you to be present. Online when necessary, but preferably in person.

I look forward to working together to build a Temple Beth El where we can all enjoy our Judaism.

Be well and happy July 4th,

*Gustavo Geier*

# P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

It was wonderful seeing the community coming together and celebrating Jewtica! I was honored to work with a wonderful committee and its volunteers. There were countless hours of planning, cooking, setting up, working the event, tearing down and cleaning up. All those involved should be mighty proud of a very successful event.

Please, save the date of August 21st for a celebration at the JCC in honor of Kal Socolof's 36 years of service to Temple. I hope you will make your reservations for this catered brunch with O'Connor's Feast and Festivities by calling the office (315-724-4751). Thank you to Ann Nathan for chairing this event.

I would like to thank the Board for staying on way passed their terms. The congregation should be grateful they are willing to give of their time for Temple Beth El.

If you have not met Rabbi Geier, please take the time to say hello. You may reach him at his temple number (315) 272-1755 or his email, [gustavoigeier@gustavoigeier.com](mailto:gustavoigeier@gustavoigeier.com). A visit to his office with a warm welcome would be even better!

Rabbi is working together with Flavia to update our social media. The webpage looks terrific as does Instagram (@tbeutica) and the Facebook page ([fb.com/templebethelutica](https://fb.com/templebethelutica)). I hope you take a moment or two to check them out. Rabbi is offering a Hebrew class and a Torah class for adults. Check out the flier in this issue.



## **Temple is in need of your attention.**

As I said at the annual meeting, due to their age, the memorial boards require electrical repair before they can be hung in the sanctuary. The ark we are using is falling apart and is not large enough to house the torahs we own. A very generous congregant has offered \$5000 towards the purchase of a new ark. These valuable scrolls need a proper home. Please consider donating towards a new ark or the repair of the memorial tablets.

Enjoy the summer,

*Marsha*



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends,

We are again looking forward to a warm, pleasant and relaxing summer. This is a July and August message so we are reminded that the High Holy Days are not very far away. Rosh Hashanah is September 26th and 27th and Yom Kippur is October 5th. It has been a few years since the holidays were so late into the fall. (I like when they fall later).

It is very nice for us to look forward to being in our original main sanctuary at 1607 Genesee Street for the High Holy Days, and to have our services led by Rabbi Geier.

We also must mark our calendar and save Sunday, August 21st at 10:30, at the JCC to say thank you and to honor Cantor Kal Socolof for the many years he gave TBE as Cantor and Rabbi. It is always a pleasure to listen to and learn from Cantor. Please make your reservation.

We are settling in at our original home at 1607 Genesee Street and with the pandemic a bit less active we are hoping to have our membership join us weekly for services in our very nice, welcoming sanctuary in the lower level of our building. Join us in person at 5:30 Friday and 9:30 Saturday morning for Shabbat services. It will feel so good and be a mitzvah.

I wish one and all a nice summer, it is time to pick up that book you have been wanting to read. Relax, enjoy the nice weather, join Rabbi Geier for services, stop at Temple to say hello.

The Best to All,

*Mundy*

# C A M P A I G N S & S U P P O R T

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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*

דבר אל בני ישראל ויקחו לי תרומה מאת כל איש  
אשר ידנו לבו, תקחו את תרומתי.  
שמות כה, ב

# D O N A T I O N S

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## **THE VICTOR H. FLAX FUND**

*In memory of: Mollie Wertheim's Birthday*

Pat and Ron Sarner



*For the good health of: Eric Smith*

Daniel and Terry Cohen



*In honor of: Sara Androphy's Bat Mitzvah Lois Silverman's granddaughter*

Judy and Mel Oster

Marsha Silverman

Mundy and Stan Shapiro

Julie Cain



## **THE CEMETERY FUND**

*In memory of: Rose Hymes Reisman and Rhoda M. Samuels*

Rita and Charles Manning



*In memory of: Paul Franklin*



# S I M C H A G R A M S

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

כל הנשמה תהלל יה!  
הללויה!  
תהילים קנ, ו

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Ellie Neslin\_02  
Max Kowalsky\_09  
Judy Oster\_10  
Rita Manning\_17  
Ben Hirshfield\_20  
Irving Feldman\_25  
Mundy Shapiro\_30

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Kalman and Vicki Socolof\_8/31/80  
Richard and Heather Cohen\_8/9/97  
Mark and Kathy Smith\_8/26/00



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Harry Fisher\_03  
Neil Cohen\_05  
Jonathan Orkin\_09  
Janice Sherline Jenny\_11  
Emily Levine\_12  
Heather Cohen\_15  
Stuart Hirshfield\_16  
Fred Lampert\_19  
Ethan Lampert\_24  
Jeffery Feiner\_25  
Shauna Hirshfield\_27  
Max Cohen\_29  
John Brophy\_29

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Alan and Marsey  
Rosenblum\_9/1/1985





**AUGUST / SEPTEMBER SIMCHA GRAMS**

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*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.



*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

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*Exalted and sanctified be His great name!*  
*Kaddish*

יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבא!  
קדיש

# J U L Y   Y A H R Z E I T S

**Yahrzeit Observed During the Week of July 2 to 8, 2022, 3 to 9  
Tammuz 5782**

**These will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 1, 2022**

Miriam Abelson\*  
 Jessie A. Goldbas\*  
 Helmut Lobenstein\*  
 Jennie Smith\*  
 Celia Baker\*  
 Mollie Greenberg  
 Ernest Mailman\*  
 Hermine Sherman\*  
 Norman Brown  
 Bernice Baker Horowitz\*  
 Edward Mettelman\*  
 Bernard C. Shefts\*  
 Jessica B. Cynkus\*  
 David Horowitz\*  
 Harry Morgan\*  
 Emil Schott\*

Max Dumain\*  
 Gesy Jacobson\*  
 Esther Markson\*  
 Martin Smith\*  
 Bertha Dresher\*  
 Baby Bertha G. Krohnkgold\*  
 Alex Philipson\*  
 Edward Aryey Walker\*  
 Samuel Finkelstein\*  
 Sarah Kopel  
 Rita M. Robinson  
 Inez Amdorsky Wishman\*  
 Sarah Goldman\*  
 Simon T. Levine\*  
 Ruth Rosenthal\*  
 Marion Wolhandler\*

\*Denotes Memorial Plaque in the Sanctuary



**YAHRTZEIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 9 TO 15, 2022, 10 TO 16  
TAMMUZ 5782**

**THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON FRIDAY JULY 8, 2022**

Milton A. Abelow\*

Howard Cramer

William N. Kahn\*

Joseph Nelson\*

Gertrude Rothchild\*

Martha Abelow

Manuel Freeman\*

Nathan LaBlang\*

Bessie Sherman\*

Aron M. Brooks\*

Harold Goldstone\*

Ann Magno

Rose Sitrin\*

Rachel Lena Boff\*

Bertram Goldberg\*

Florence Goldstone Myers\*

Sarah Savett\*

Helen Brooks\*

Arthur L. Goldman\*

William Schwartz\*

Anna Berger\*

Fred I. Grossman\*

Sadye E. Nusbaum\*

David M. Solomon\*

Jerrold D. Berkeley\*

Jonah E. Haven\*

Richard A. Philipson\*

Roslyn Savlov\*

Herbert H. Bernstein\*

Lillian S. Kamino\*

Herbert Philipson\*

Shirley Ruth Sherman\*

Edward Cohen\*

Harry P. Kahn\*

Max Rockford\*

Pincus Targer\*

Myron Cohen\*

Florence Wineburgh

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**YAHRTZEIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 16 TO 22, 2022, 17 TO 23  
TAMMUZ 5782**

**THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON FRIDAY JULY 15, 2022**

Leo Ablove*	Esther L. Harris*
Sophia Block Freeman*	Bessie Finer Meyers*
Arthur S. Kahn	Dr. Jacob Savett*
Sarah Rothstein*	Taube B. Cramer*
Harris Abramson*	David Howard Harris*
Pierce Goldberg	Julia Melzer*
Hilda Kahn*	H. Samuel Slater*
Allen H. Samuels	Jonathan D. Derminio*
Harold Burger	Sandra Sugarman Jocknowitz*
Renna Goldstone*	David Nathan*
Mathew Klein*	Gertrude Smith*
Morris Sherman*	Edith Edelman*
Samuel Berman*	Louis Kaplan*
Allen Goldstein*	Fritzi P. Rizika*
Hugo Lobenstein*	Sadie Savlov*
Nathan Savett*	Joseph Feinberg*
Bessie Brill*	Estelle Klion*
Hyman (Hy) R. Herman*	Avis Joan Reines
Leah Mettelman*	Sol Shattan*
Harry N. Savett*	David N. Wilcove*
Sarah Kirshtein Beisser	

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**Yahrzeit Observed During the Week of July 23 to 29, 2022, 24  
Tammuz to 1 Av 5782**

**These will be read from the Pulpit on Friday July 22, 2022**

Albert Abraham  
Syrá Friedlander\*  
David Myers\*  
Anne Schainuck Robbins\*  
Sallye Abramson\*  
Julius Grossman\*  
Louis Movsh\*  
Jack Rosen  
Anna R. Bartnick\*  
Gisella Grossman\*  
Manuel J. Mansky\*  
Wolf Smith\*  
Beatrice Burke\*  
Stephen P. Goldstone\*  
Albert Morris\*

Rachel Sumberg\*  
Harry Copeland\*  
Moses A. Goldenson  
Edith Potash\*  
Bessie Cohen Siegel\*  
Ray Cone\*  
Adolph Jacobs\*  
Morris Rudolph\*  
Leon Sack\*  
Dr. Irving Cramer\*  
Fannie Krulik\*  
Abraham Rosky\*  
Rachael Lewis Wolfe\*  
Leah Friedman\*  
Charles Wineburgh\*

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# AUGUST YAHRZEITS

**Yahrzeit observed during the week of July 30 to August 5, 2022, 2  
to 8 AV 5782**

**These will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 29, 2022**

Harry 'Doc' Arlen\*  
 Betty Cohen Alpert  
 Sheva Gilbert\*  
 Larry Kall\*  
 Sarah Samuels\*  
 Joseph Gray\*  
 Jane Lindey\*  
 Isidor Speiller\*  
 Abraham S. Braverman\*  
 Aaron Goldstone\*  
 Julius Levine  
 Morris Vyner\*  
 Anna Bernstein  
 Melvin Hollander\*  
 Eva Marmelstein\*

Nathan Wilcove\*  
 Harry Cohen\*  
 Morris B. Horowitz\*  
 Elizabeth Newberger  
 Celia Woloshin\*  
 Lillian Shapiro Cramer\*  
 Julius Kaletsky\*  
 Bella K. Perlman\*  
 Tina L. Wolfe\*  
 Sarah Samuels Glickstein\*  
 Rebecca Karinsky\*  
 Ethel Cohen Rosen\*  
 Freda Haven Wallace\*  
 Maurice Snyder\*  
 Sarah Samuels\*

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**AUGUST YAHRZEITS**

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**Yahrzeit observed during the week of August 6 to 12 2022, 9 to 15 AV 5782**

**These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 5, 2022**

Hanna Arlen\*

Anne Gross

Carlotta Krohn Posternak\*

Charles T. Sitrin\*

Frances Barth\*

Amy Kowalsky Gaudin

Jennie Rubin\*

Joseph Segall

Ruth E Cummins

Anna Belle Weiss Harris\*

Louis Rubin\*

Joseph Simons\*

Esther Fox\*

Sadie Kopel\*

Ruth Robbins\*

Bertha Snyder\*

Morton Goldstone\*

Ida Nusbaum\*

Ann Heiten Rosenberg\*

Shirley Kaplan Tannenbaum\*

Joseph Philipson\*

Herri Van Leeuwen

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**AUGUST YAHRZEITS**

**Yahrzeit observed during the week of August 13 to 19, 2022, 16 to 22 Av 5782**

**These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 12, 2022**

Bessie H. Abelson\*  
 Lillian Lenchner Goodfriend\*  
 Paula Mettleman  
 Theodore H. Silverman\*  
 George Bernstein\*  
 Pearl Hymes\*  
 Hyman Philipson\*  
 Fannye Stone  
 Johanna R. Braverman  
 Meyer Kleiman\*  
 Rose Rudolph\*  
 Jacob Tumposky\*  
 Martin Benson\*

Nathan Katzman\*  
 Sadye Rockford\*  
 Moses A. Winnick\*  
 Harry Caplan\*  
 AnnaLee Kamin\*  
 Anna Sladusky\*  
 Esther Winnick\*  
 Alfred Cohn\*  
 E. Michael Meyer\*  
 Joseph Sonneborn\*  
 Ida Yatkowsky\*  
 Harry S. Demell\*

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**AUGUST YAHRZEITS**

**Yahrzeit observed during the week of August 20 to 26, 2022, 23 to 29 Av 5782**

**These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 19, 2022**

Max Sucolovsky\*  
Rose B. Grossman\*  
Anna F. Marans\*  
Jack Glover\*  
Goldie H. Rosenwald\*  
Harry Cramer\*  
Seymour Tumposky  
Nathan L. Potash\*  
Harry Barsky\*  
Jacob (Jack) Philipson\*  
Diane K. Goldman\*  
Esther Rose Pleeter\*  
Solomon Bernstein\*

Rose L. Sherline\*  
Rachel Friedman\*  
Rae Smith Frankman\*  
Nancy Frances Meyer\*  
Martha Root\*  
Dr. Gerald D. Berkowitz\*  
Edward L. Rosenthal\*  
Dr. Alfred Heymann\*  
William B. Leventhal\*  
Minnie Stern\*  
Leon Sperling\*  
David Mettelman\*  
Lazarus L. Berman\*

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**AUGUST YAHRZEITS**

**Yahrzeit observed during the week of August 27 to September 2, 2022, 30 Av to 6 Elul 5782**

**These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 26, 2022**

Jennie L. Berman\*  
Joseph Goldstone\*  
Abe Jacobson\*  
Anne Rebeck  
Lillian Shapiro Cramer\*  
Miriam Grubman  
Ethan Michael Kamin\*  
Mina Smith\*  
Miriam F. Enright\*  
Ben Greenberg

Jacob O. Nusbaum\*  
Isidor Siegel\*  
Ruth Feldman\*  
Ida R. Hodos\*  
Philip Rudolph\*  
Jack Stark\*  
Abraham Gennis\*  
Louis Haven  
Hershel Rosenblum\*  
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## CLEANING OF HEADSTONES AND FOOTSTONES AT

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

It's that time of year again!

A BIG thank you to all who have cleaned head and footstones over the past 5 years.

So now is the time to send in the requests for 2022.

In the past 5 years we have cleaned 300 + 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 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. Last year we had multiple donations and managed to clean some of the oldest, most in need stones. None of these people have any family we know of, so they would have just gone uncared for, so THANK YOU to anyone who donated to have a stone cleaned.

THIS WAS A MITZVAH for those who cleaned a stone anonymously!



### A LITTLE CEMETERY STORY

The story I am about to share with you comes from the Temple Beth El thru 25 Years – 1919 to 1945 commemorative book. You will see many familiar family and friend's names.

[As a quick point of interest there is a note on the first page of the book that says "The tragic death of our dearly beloved President Franklin D. Roosevelt occurred at the moment our book was going to print. In his memory Temple Beth El most sincerely dedicates this book"].

Now to begin. In the early history of Temple Beth El it was realized that a "Beth Olam", a cemetery was needed by this institution, a place to offer comfort to the mourning members and a place where proper care and attention will be given to the graves of their loved ones. A committee was formed in 1922 to investigate the possibility of purchasing the necessary land.

Land was purchased in 1924 on Wood Road in Whitestown, NY. The Cemetery Committee consisted of Jacob Goldstone, Chairman, Julius Rothstein, Herman E. Kowalsky, Louis E. Krohn, Samuel Markson, E.I. Silverman M.S. Abelson and Hyman L. Jacobson. Being very wise, the financial issue was solved by directing each member to purchase plots with a down payment of a certificate costing \$50.00.

In 1929, Isaac Smith volunteered his services to be Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. His first act was to secure a fence be built to protect the cemetery plots from being disturbed by trespassers. At this time, over 100 individuals had purchased plots. Some of these have been paid for in full, and others were making payments. Once the plot is paid in full, the owner received a deed. (We have several ledgers in the office with the records of payments made, faithful payments were made every week or every month; by today's standard the \$2.00 to \$5.00 paid each week

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seems unheard of but it was a great deal money for some of the members.

They were heading into a full-blown depression at this time.)

At that point there were 215 plots surveyed and 183 were staked out. This was a huge undertaking. You know it has grown since then and is still cared for as meticulously today as it was then. It was viewed by many people in the surrounding area as an outstanding cemetery.

Among the features (at this time in history) is the Anna Boff Copeland Memorial Chapel presented in memory by David Copeland and daughters Ruth, Harriet and Esther. The electric work was generously donated by Joseph Manning and his wife in honor of a brother. The Sisterhood donated the water system. It was a synagogue in miniature, where services could be conducted for the mourners. (Unfortunately, this lovely building burned to the ground, and was not replaced). Mrs. Rosa Goldberg donated and maintained a flagpole in memory of her son Bertram.

In this article, there is a sincere expression of appreciation for “Uncle Ike” Smith, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee to thank him for all the meticulous care he took and the vision for the future.

A little bird with the name of “Smith” told me his Uncle Ike was the one who laid out all the plots, in that huge cemetery, which was a massive undertaking.

At the end of the article, it listed the current committee:

**Isaac Smith, Chairman**  
**Arthur Markson, Secretary**  
**Morris Sherman**  
**Dr. Victor H. Taylor**  
**Samuel J. Smith**  
**Edward Grossman**  
**B.N. Harris**  
**E.A. Lichtman**  
**Myer Boff**  
**Louis Kowalsky**  
**Edward Mettleman**  
**Jack Nusbaum**  
**Sgt. Gerald Smith**

As you can see there are many familiar families and friends’ names. Hope you enjoyed this bit of history.

The Temple Beth El Cemetery has incorporated and taken on maintenance of 5 other cemeteries. They are given the same love and care.

The visions of the founders continue today. As always, the cemeteries need your help.





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We have 44 stones to be cleaned already!

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*"Family, HELP! I really need some cleaning!"*



*"Thank you, famliy, for cleaning me! I really shine!"*



# NEWS, EVENTS & CALENDAR

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

*Tehilim, 133:1*

הנה מה טוב ומה נעים  
שבת אחים גם יחד!  
תהילים קלג, א



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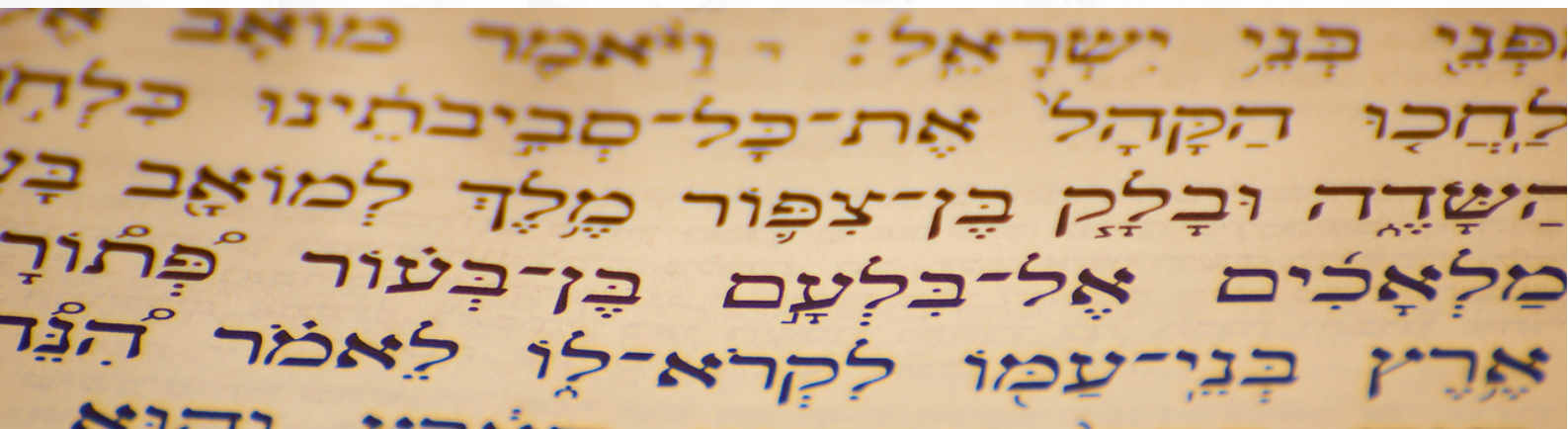
As a community vision, learning the Hebrew language is essential and an integral and active part of being Jewish. Not only for the understanding of the Torah and our ancestral literature, but as a link with the State of Israel and modern Jewish and Israeli literature from its roots.

*Starting on August 3rd our classes for teenagers and adults will begin.*

*Classes will be every Wednesday at 3 p.m., for beginners and those who already have some knowledge of Hebrew.*

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**Genesis: the origins of the differences**

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*Starting on Tuesday, August 2nd, 11 a.m. or Thursday, August 4th, 7 p.m.*

*You choose the best time for you!*

*Either at the Temple or on Zoom.*

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Granddaughter of  
Lois Silverman and the Late Michael  
Silverman.

In honor of the

Bar Mitzvah of

**Charlie Sossen**

Son of  
Jennifer and Andrew Sossen,  
Grandson of  
Adele and Robert Sossen.

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**WHEN**

August, 21st 2022  
10 a.m.

**WHERE**

JCC

**WHAT**

Brunch

Everyone is invited!  
For reservations call 315 724 4751.

## JEWITICA

*by Joe Silberlicht*

Nearly 2 years ago I (foolishly!) suggested at a JCC Board meeting that our Jewish community ought to host a festival to enhance Jewish pride and engagement. The board did not hesitate to act and I found myself tasked with making it happen. That was the last time that the “I” pronoun can be used in any discussion of JEWITICA, the Jewish Cultural Festival held at the JCC on June 12. This event was clearly a success conceived, nurtured and brought to fruition by our entire community.

Thanks are due to many: the dozens of volunteers in blue shirts; members of the planning committee; local rabbis; our financial sponsors; vendors; performers; cooking demonstrators; sound technicians; JCC employees; Utica police officers; New York State Police; Sitrin shuttle drivers; and more.

Without these dedicated denizens of the Mohawk Valley this event would have been impossible. Special thanks also to Temple Emanu-El for allowing remote parking in temple’s lot, and loaning tables, high chairs, kitchenware and barbecue grill to support the event. Much gratitude to Eric Smith and Smith Packing for the loan of a refrigerated truck to keep our food and beverages cold! Appreciation is also extended to the City of Utica for providing the mobile stage.

Many thanks also to those who attended and enjoyed Jewish food, Jewish music, and Jewish pride. Until the day of the event the committee had no idea how many people would show up. 30? 300? 3000? Over the past year, yours truly frequently awoke at three or four in the morning...gripped by fear that NO ONE would show up! Our best estimate is that despite fears of thunderstorms over 1000 people attended!

If you weren’t able to attend, you missed selections from “Fiddler on the Roof” by Linda Slavin and Sara Tisch; a proclamation from the mayor of Utica; the enshrinement of Debbie Friedman into the Mohawk Valley Jewish Hall of Fame; musical performances by The Temptations, Kal Socolof, The Broadway Babes, The Isle of Klezbos, Live Noah, Chap-O’s; incredible pastrami sandwiches; Hebrew National hot dogs; potato knishes; egg creams; falafel; kugel; Israeli salad and coleslaw; Jewish Jeopardy with Benj Widiss; stories of Jewish baseball players with the President of the Baseball Hall of Fame (yes, he’s Jewish!); hands-on instruction in making cheese blintzes, garlic dill pickles, challah, and baba ganoush; and mingling with friends new and old in an atmosphere of joy and community togetherness.

The message of JEWTICA was clear: “We are here. We are proud. We are Jewish!”

Thank you to everyone who helped to communicate and emphasize that message! We couldn't have done it without you!

Festival Planning Committee:

**Joe Silberlicht, Co-Chair**  
**Marsha Silverman, Co-Chair**  
**Katrena Berkovich, Food Chair**  
**Keri Campbell**  
**Andi Dinerstein**  
**Rabbi Gustavo Geier**  
**Barbara Goodman**  
**Vic Pearlman**  
**Rabbi Peter Schaktman**  
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**Pam Vescera**  
**Anne Yoss**

# J U L Y C A L E N D A R

All our religious services are held in person and on Zoom

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	2 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
3	4	5 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	9 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	16 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
17 Half-fast of 17th Tammuz (postponed from Shabbat – 3:46 a.m. to 9:04 p.m.)	18	19	20	21	22 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	23 Shabbat Mevarchim  Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
24	25	26	27	28 Rosh Chodesh Av	29 Rosh Chodesh Av	30

# AUGUST CALENDAR

All our religious services are held in person and on Zoom

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2 Torah Classes 11:00 a.m.  Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 Hebrew Classes 15:00 p.m.	4 Torah Classes 7:00 p.m.	5 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	6 Shabbat Chazon Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.  Erev Tisha beAv 9:30 p.m.
7 Tishah beAv with the reading of Eichah 9:30 a.m.	8	9 Torah Classes 11:00 a.m.	10 Hebrew Classes 15:00 p.m.	11 Torah Classes 7:00 p.m.	12 Tu beAv Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	13 Shabbat Nachamu  Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
14	15	16 Torah Classes 11:00 a.m.	17 Hebrew Classes 15:00 p.m.	18 Torah Classes 7:00 p.m.	19 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	20 Shabbat Mevarchim  Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
21	22	23 Torah Classes 11:00 a.m.	24 Hebrew Classes 15:00 p.m.	25 Torah Classes 7:00 p.m.	26 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	27 Rosh Chodesh Elul  Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
28 Rosh Chodesh Elul	29	30 Torah Classes 11:00 a.m.	31 Hebrew Classes 15:00 p.m.	1	2	3

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