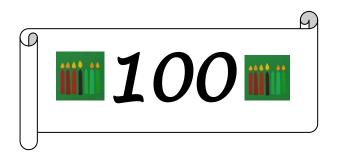


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# Temple Beth El ís



## **Temple Beth El Service Schedule**

## Services

Monday Morning	8:00 A.M.
Thursday Morning	8:00 A.M.
Friday Shabbat Evening	5:30 P.M.

#### Services and Kiddush Hosted by the Temple Beth El Sisterhood Saturday Shabbat Morning 9:30 A.M.

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 - 5779

6:18 P.M.
6:06 P.M.
5:54 P.M.
5:44 P.M.
5:34 P.M.



## **Temple Beth El Organization**

Cantor Kalman A. Socolof Dr. Stanley Gerstein, Rabbi Emeritus

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## Temple Beth El Cantor's Message

We will read *Parshat Noach* in October as we usually do. While it always falls in the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, it has been known to come up early in November (the last time was in 2016 and the next time will be in 2019).

At the end of the Parsha, we come across the story of the Tower of Babel. The people of the Earth were of one language, we are told. This makes sense, since all at that time all were descended from Noah. The people have all settled in one valley. They decide to build a tower that will reach the heavens. God sees it and is unhappy. To thwart their them endeavor, God gives different languages so that they can no longer understand each other, and they all go in their different directions.

On its face, this is a biblical explanation for the multiplicity of languages among the many peoples on Earth. That said, why are we left to wonder why God felt threatened by human unity. Isn't unity good? Don't we hope and pray for it as a part of the messianic era?

An appropriate answer might be: Yes, but. Yes, unity can be a wonderful thing, but not all forms of unity are salutary. Proclaiming unity when joining a rioting mob will not serve as mitigation.

Rather, it comes down to motivation and intent. Is the unity for the sake of heaven and Torah, which is to say, for a worthy and noble purpose, or is it for self-service, selfaggrandizement and other less-than-savory purposes?

Why did the people in the valley of Shinar want to build the tower? According to a midrash in the *Brayshit Rabbah*, the people said, "Come, let us make a tower, place an image on its top, and put a sword in its hand, and it will seem as if it is waging war against *(Continued on Page 3)* 

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## Temple Beth El Cantor's Message (Continued from Page 2)

Him." The rabbis understood their motive as being (at best) disrespectful to God and a bold statement of arrogance.

We shall, in the days and weeks to come, be asked to assemble and organize for a variety of causes and events. The majority are good causes worthy of our time and effort. May we be given the ability to distinguish these from those that are not. May we enjoy the blessings of unity guided by true intent.

Cantor Socolof

## Temple Beth El President's Message

I would like to share this from the Accidental Talmudist:

A lovely little boy was holding two apples with both hands. His mother came in and softly asked her little boy with a smile:

My Sweetie, could you give your mom one of your two apples?

The boy looked up at his mom for some seconds, then he suddenly took a quick bite on one apple, and then quickly on the other.

The mom tried hard not to reveal her disappointment.

Then the little boy handed one of his bitten apples to his mom and said: Mommy, here you are. **This is the sweeter one.** 

No matter who you are, how experienced you are, and how knowledgeable you think you are, always delay judgment. Give others the privilege to explain themselves.

What you see may not be the reality.

Never conclude for others.

As we start this new year, I would like to thank everyone that supported temple this past year whether it was as a volunteer, those that attended services and events or monetarily. As I reached out for advice or assistance, no one declined my plea.

Religious school has begun with Cantor, Ann Nathan and Bozhena and Gleb Samoshuk as our teachers. They are looking forward to a productive year with the four classes.

Thank you to all those that assisted in transforming the JCC auditorium into a warm and welcoming place to greet the new year of 5779. As always the staff members at Temple Beth El and the JCC employees were extremely helpful.

Thank you to all the congregants that participated in our holiday services. To our ushers for keeping the service running as smooth as possible, an appreciative thanks. Todah Rabah to Mundy and the ritual committee for the hours they spent assigning all the honors for the High Holidays.

Please make your reservation for the Shabbat Dinner after services on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendar and make your reservation for the Men's Club Breakfast and Political Forum on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you are writing your story for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration booklet that will be published for our May celebration. Anyone wishing to be on the committee to plan the festivities, please let me know.

Congratulations to Pavel, Natalia, Avigail, Karneliia, Mikhail, Leora and Yonotan Samoshuk on becoming citizens of the United States!

Shalom, Marsha



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## Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

#### Dear Friends,

How nice to be able to share the High Holy Days with family and friends at the Jewish Community Center. The auditorium looked warm and welcoming. The flowers in memory of Bernice and Martin Smith were bright and beautiful in the fall colors for Rosh Hashanah, and the Yom Kippur flowers in memory of William Kowalsky were pristine white, both added a feeling of celebration and reverence for observing the two holiest days of our year.

Many thanks to all our members who accepted Aliyahs and honors. A special thanks to Elliot Rabin who has joined us for many years to daven many parts of the Rosh Hashanah service. Elliot also shared a touching and heartfelt sermon in memory of his father-in-law and a very long time member of Temple Beth El, Saul Finer.

Cantor Larry Fader again led our services and delivered the sermon in his beautiful voice on these special days.

Lois Silverman shared with us the martyrology beautifully with much feeling, Michael Silverman shared the Kol Nidre message from the heart and touched all in the congregation.

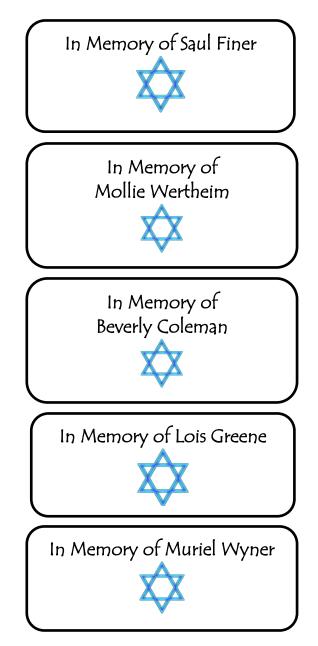
The shofar was beautifully blown by Evgenii Samoshuk and Dr. Alan Harris. The sound of the shofar is very special and was special music to all of us.

I thank Victor Perlman and his staff at the JCC for all their help in making the Center a warm and lovely sanctuary to observe our very holy days. It is always so pleasant to work with the JCC folks. Thanks to Edward Kowalsky for all his help to get everything moved from Temple to the Center.

To our congregation and guests, to all our families and friends, I again wish one and all a good and healthy year. May Temple Beth EI, our country and Israel have peaceful and happy days ahead.

Shalom, Mundy

PS: Temple Beth El is going to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in the spring. Do you have any special memories of being in the TBE family you would like to share with us?



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## FUNDRAISER

We are starting a fundraiser for the Temple Beth El Cemetery Corporation. The monies raised will be used to place benches in our five cemeteries.

Memorial benches with a plaque may be purchased for \$350.00 each. Donations of any amount will be appreciated.



#### The Temple Times

## HELP US LOCATE FAMILY'S

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.

## 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 do so by sending all the necessary details to the office. For \$125.00 you can make someone proud and happy forever.

## 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 724 4751.

Mundy



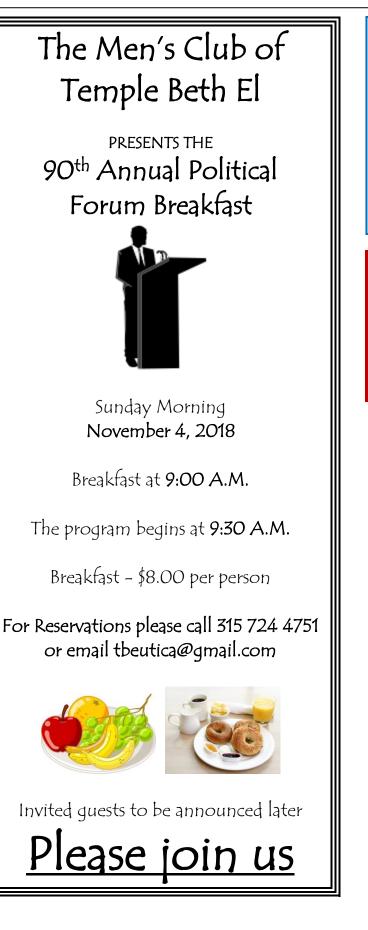
The Good Old Days Temple Beth El's 100 year anniversary

Would you like to work on the committee to help plan some exciting events to celebrate this extraordinary accomplishment? Please call the office. 315 724 4751

Please write us a story We want to have a booklet of your stories to leave for future generations.

We would also love to have pictures to go along with your stories or just a picture of your family, business or holiday gathering along with a caption.

A testament to our faith, love, loyalty and endurance.



## A note about the Blue Boxes that are a symbol of tzedakah in all our homes.

Hadassah no longer uses the monies for JNF rather the money goes to Young Judea. You may purchase a beautiful Tzedakah Box from Hadassah for this purpose. Please drop off your Blue Box at Temple or the JCC. Thank you, Marsha

## HADASSAH JNF CERTIFICATES \$18.00

PLEASE Call Marsha 315-725-7787



## Temple Emanu-El President's Message

By the time you read this, we have gone through the first day of religious school, our Days of Awe, the first, of what I hope will be many, Temple Emanu-El community breakthe- fast, Sukkot, and our third annual Mah Jongg tournament! September was a very busy month at Temple!! Thank you to everyone who participated in our High Holy Day services. We asked and you said "yes!"

Thank you to our new religious school leadership and staff. You worked over the summer months, together with Rabbi Schaktman, to create a rich and meaningful learning experience for our temple youngsters. Building on what has worked well in our religious-school; Benj Widiss, Kristyn Hammond, the Religious School Committee and Rabbi Schaktman have crafted a program that will prepare our young members to be fully able to participate in our ritual practices after their B'nai Mitzvah. I'm excited to see how the program enriches our youngster's Jewish experience and learning.

I love the fact that after a day of fasting and praying together, we broke the fast together instead of going off to separate gatherings. I hope this will be a new tradition at Temple Emanu-EI. Thank you to Andi Dinerstein, Joanie Basloe, Leslie Cohen and Rachel Smith for organizing this wonderful gathering! Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended our amazing break-the-fast!

Thank you to Lynn Tomaino for organizing our 3rd annual Mah Jongg tournament! You and your helpers have created a fun event and fundraiser. I am sure that Hope House was happy to receive a donation from the proceeds of this event.

In early September, our new website "went live" as they say. Our Communications Committee, led by Anne Yoss, worked many hours to update and revamp our website. I know that this was a most frustrating process and a huge thank you goes out to Anne, Rachel Smith, and, in particular, to Rita, who spent much time and mental energy dedicated to this project.

We have begun to hold our Shabbat services at 6:00 PM every Friday. In the search for the perfect time to start this service, we are experimenting with his time slot. We hope that this time will accommodate more of our congregants and result in more of us being able to join together on Shabbat, to celebrate together. I welcome your feedback about this time change.

Pam Vescera

## Calling all teens and their adults!

## Have you heard about the Temple Emanu-El Teen/Adult Book Group?

The Teen/Adult Book group is a program where teens can have fun, spend time with other Jewish teens, and continue being engaged in Jewish learning through exploring stories and books from a Jewish perspective. It is an opportunity for teens and adults to interact as peers, and to share and learn from each other as members of the Jewish community.

All Jewish teens are welcome to participate. Parents, or other adults with whom a teen has a close connection, are invited to participate as well.

The dates for this year's meetings are: Oct. 18, Nov. 29, Jan. 17, Feb. 28, April 4, May 16. These are all Thursdays. Meetings are from 7:30-9, although if you need to leave earlier that is okay..

If you might be interested, or would like more information, please contact Deb Foley at debbfoley@gmail.com.

## Temple Beth El Shabbat Dinner

# October $12^{th}$ , 2018

Dinner will be served

after the 5:30 p.m. service



Fresh fruit, chicken, potatoes and vegetables dessert and coffee, tea or juice

# Everyone is welcome

## Please make reservations by October 5<sup>th</sup>

Adults - \$10.00 Children 12 and under - \$5.00 Children 5 and under - Free

Call or Fax your reservations to Temple Beth El at 315 724 4751 or email them to <u>tbeutica@gmail.com</u> The Jewish Community Federation of the Mohawk Valley cordially invites you to

## The 2018 United Jewish Appeal Kick-Off Brunch

## Sunday, October 14 11:00 a.m. Jewish Community Center Auditorium

This year's brunch will include rolled lox, sliced bagels with onion, tomatoes and capers, white fish salad, grilled vegetables, quiche and grilled salmon. Fruit salad and assorted beverages are also included.

## \*\*Honoring Marsha Silverman\*\*

A Jewish community thrives when it has a body of devoted, creative, and enthusiastic volunteers. Marsha Silverman embodies these traits and the Utica Jewish Federation is delighted to thank and honor her. The United Jewish Appeal is but one of many groups that benefit from her caring and time.

Please join the community in honoring Marsha's service.

## **Guest Speaker: Hen Mazzig**

Hen Mazzig is an Israeli writer, international speaker, social media activist and advocate. His family came to Israel from Iraq and North Africa. As a young Israeli, Hen spent five years in the IDF as an openly gay commander. During his service, he worked in the COGAT unit as an intermediary between the IDF, the Palestinian Authority, the UN and many NGO's that work in the West Bank. From 2013-2015, Hen was the Campus Coordinator for "Standwithus," during which he fought BDS on college campuses and in communities.

His award winning articles can be found in Ha'aretz, the Jerusalem Post, Times of Israel and more .He has shared his story and opinions with thousands of students throughout the USA, Canada and UK. Hen has a proven track record of creating dialogue where it seems impossible. He has built relationships and changed hearts and minds by being a voice for justice and peace for diverse groups of peoples. Hen was recently named one of The Top 100 People Positively Influencing Jewish Life For 2018 by the publication, "Algemeiner." He will be discussing the current relationship between Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

Please remit **\$30** per person to: The Jewish Community Federation of the Mohawk Valley 2310 Oneida St. Utica, NY 13501

Reservations are due by October 5, 2018





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# Temple Emanu-El Men's Club Monthly Lunch

No agenda, just friendly conversation

# Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30PM

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## **Temple Beth El Simcha Grams**

#### November 2018

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	Nov	NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Anna Rose Pearlman	01	Irving and Rebecca Feldman	11/27/52
Susan Goldberg	02		
Mark Smith	04		
Jason Foote	09		
Mark Kall	11		
Aaron Neslin	16		
Judy Vogel	16		
David Stern	18		
Jennifer Kowalsky	20		
Dorothy Harris	30		

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Due by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 October 2018/5779 Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of October 6 to 12, 2018 27 to 30 Tishri and 1 to 3 Heshvan 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 5, 2018	8
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Demos Abolove*	Estella Caldman	Mayor Hanny Linday (*	William Claktor*
Barney Abelove*	Estelle Goldman	Meyer Henry Lindey*	William Slakter*
Edith Berkowitz*	Seymour Greene*	Lucille Bartnick Leimsidor*	Mayme M Shulman*
Miriam Fink Brown*	Anna Joseph	Irving Myers*	Emanuel Simon*
C. Louis Bernstein*	Jacob J. Katzman*	Tillie Polak*	Yerachim Samuels*
Meyer Pincus Brill*	Katie Kaplan*	Gertrude Peretz*	Harris Sladusky*
Meyer P. Brill*	Shirley Kerner*	Barnet Silverstein*	Esther G. Vyner*
Esther Feller	Susan Sitrin Leonard*	Harry Sugarman*	Mary Wolfe Winnick*
Dr. Ronald Goldstone*	Libbey Bertha Landman*	Arthur Stone	Joseph M. Wineburgh*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of October 13 to 19, 2018 - 4 to 10 Heshvan 5779

	These names will be read from	n the pulpit on Friday Octobe	r 12, 2018
Manny Abelove*	Samuel Fein*	Jennie C. Katzman	Nathan Rubenstein*
Ben B. Brown	Monte Futterman	Evelyn Keehn	Charles M. Rizika*
Alfred Alvin Brown*	Ruth R. Goldstone*	Dr. Stuart E. Krohn*	Victor H. Smith*
Samuel Berkowitz*	Lillian Gordon*	Alan J. Kaplan*	Anna Silverman*
Mary Brooks*	Jami Rose Grossman*	Jeanette S. Katzman*	David H. Stone*
Joseph Cramer*	Pesach Galinsky*	Adelaide Lumberg*	Dr. Robert Smith*
Sadie Cohen*	Eva Kaplan*	Barney Lumberg*	Charles L. Weitzman*
Michele Dew	Sidney Kamino*	Norman Nathan*	Arthur Wasserman*
Frieda Fisher			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of October 20 to 26, 2018 - 11 to 17 Heshvan 5779 These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 19, 2018

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Miriam L Abelson*	Sarah Fink*	Norma Hope Kennedy*	Yitzhak Rabin*
David Brooks	Mary Freemen	Sophia K. Krohngold	Hattie Rudolph*
Evelyn Rose Buff*	Mary B. Freedman*	Helen Kopel*	Hashe B. Yitzchok Rivlin*
Esther Mardon Bernstein*	Morris Greenburg*	Mabel S. Krohn	June G. Rizika*
Jane Cone Bonnett*	Samuel Glazer	Harry Levinson	Mollie Altman Segal*
Mamie Berman*	Alice Gordon*	Wolfe Landsman*	Mandel G. Schulman*
Joseph Cramer*	Rose Greenburg*	Ida Ella Lurie*	Fannie Seidenberg
Harry Chazan	Isaac Hymes*	Joan Lipnick	Ramon Simons*
Isaac Dean*	Saul Harris	Mamie Mettelman*	Julius Tumposky*
Ernest H. Emas	Hyman Kopel*	Eva Mazer*	Myron W. Wolfe*
Helen Egeth*	Tillie Klein	Jacob L. Nusbaum*	-

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of October 27 to November 2, 2018 18 to 24 Heshvan 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 26, 2018

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Ruth Brill*	Harry Friedlander	Robert R. Levee*	Sherwin Seldin
Ethel Case Berkowitz	Samuel Greenberg	Philip Movsh*	Anna Simon*
Phyllis Bernstein*	Harry M. Glick*	Isabel H. Manning*	Lena Samuels*
Helen Weitzman Braverman*	Jack D. Goldstone	Rose L. Nathan*	Sarah H. Speiler*
Samuel Cone*	Samuel Hurowitz*	Sarah Philipson*	Etta Tumposky*
Harry Cooperman*	Jacob D. Jacobson*	Lena K. Rosenthal*	David Weitzman*
Joseph Cohen*	Rosalie Kirshtein*	Seymour Smith*	Mollie Wilcove
Bella Fein*	Harris Kowalsky*	Miriam W. Silverman*	
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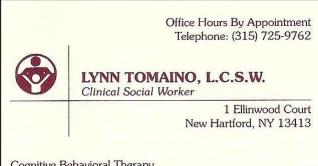


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