

# THE TEMPLE TIMES

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**Temple Beth El**  
 UTICA, NY



## President's Message

*Marsha Silverman*

L'Shanah Tovah Umetukah,

It's a busy time for the office staff with the holiday preparations. We want to make sure all runs smoothly.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be held in the large sanctuary conducted by Rabbi Geier, Elliott Rabin and special lay leaders. You will find the schedule of our holiday services in this issue of the Times.

We will be preparing the sanctuary on October 1st at 9:30AM. Many hands make light work. (Hint, Hint!)

Please save the date for a commemorative program for October 7th at the JCC at 7PM on October 7th.

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## Shabbat Services

Friday Evening: 5:30 pm

Saturday Morning: 9:30 am

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We will be breaking the fast after Neilah services. Please call the office (315-724-4751) with a dairy dish you would like to share at the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

Rabbi continues to teach Torah and Hebrew classes each week for adults. His classes are informative, lively and entertaining. Please join us since it is never too late to have some fun while learning!

Religious School classes resumed in September, and it is a pleasure to see the smiles on the students working with the Rabbi.

We are constantly working to keep our 105-year-old Conservative Jewish Presence in the Utica area alive. The success of our Temple lies with every one of you!

We extend our condolences to the family of Melissa Hochberg (Mundy and Stan's daughter) on the passing of her husband, Steven Hochberg. May his memory be a blessing.

I hope one day soon you will join us for Shabbat, the High Holidays and the festivals including lunch in the Sukkah.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy  
5785,  
**Marsha**



## Rabbi's Message

*Rabbi Gustavo Geier*

In last month's edition of the Temple Times, I shared with you an interview with Francisco Gil White, a professor at ITAM, political anthropologist, and historian. He holds a Master's degree in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago and a PhD in Evolutionary and Sociocultural Anthropology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

In the interview, Gil White analyzed and recounted the origins of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. We had reached the point where he explained the stark difference between the Jews who came to buy land from Arab landlords and provided work to the Arab residents of those lands, which were part of the Ottoman Empire, and the landlords themselves.

I must add, with Jewish immigration, these workers—who had previously been almost feudal slaves of the occasional "owners" of the land— became free laborers and were able to pay off their old debts. However, they were not really included in the burgeoning Jewish communities or in the economic and technological progress these communities were acquiring. Some Arab populations did grow in these areas, but not at the pace of the Jewish ones. We must recognize that this unequal growth and social separation only fueled the resentment of some toward these people who were slowly settling in what they considered their land, even though others owned it.

Let's continue with the interview:

"A very important and undoubtedly majority proportion of the Jews arriving at that time were Marxists, primarily organized by Labor Zionism. These Jews came with an ideology of

solidarity with the Arab workers. As a result, they were employed by people who wanted to have a good relationship with them and had an ideology of joining forces with the workers, and they ended up living much better.

This situation meant that the lower, working-class Palestinian Arabs had no interest in going out to kill Jews, as Amin Al-Husseini wanted them to do. I remind you that Al-Husseini is the founding father of the Palestinian Arab movement. He belonged to one of the most powerful aristocratic, landowning families in the region, and was selling land to the new Jewish immigrants and using that money to finance the development of an Arab militia. I should add that he was also the Mufti of Jerusalem at the time, which made him not only the religious leader but, I would say, the political leader of the Arab people in this territory as well.

So, what Al-Husseini did was organize anti-Jewish terrorism under the guise of Arab nationalism. He directed terrorism not only against Jews but also against Palestinian Arabs themselves to force them to participate in terrorist attacks against the Jews.

The proof of this is that statistics show that during the Arab revolt, which was the fourth wave of terrorism he organized under the British Mandate from 1936 to 1939, he had 400 Jews killed and 2,000 Arabs.

Why was he killing more Arabs than Jews? Wasn't his movement supposed to be anti-Jewish?

The answer is that the Arab working class

didn't see what the problem was with these Zionists coming to free them and develop society with new, more modern communities. The violence was also aimed at forcing Arabs to join the movement against the Zionist Jews.

This is the true origin of the Arab-Israeli conflict, which has nothing to do with a territorial claim, as it is often presented today.

This is demonstrated by the PLO. The organization that Hussein created, which later became Fatah in 1970, swallowed the PLO. I'm referring to the PLO that had been created by Nasser in 1964—the Palestine Liberation Organization, which we now call the Palestinian Authority.

Are they the same? Yes, they are.

When the PLO was created in 1964, its constitution stated that the definition of Palestine was the one drawn by the British government in its project to allocate land to the Arab people settled in the British Mandate. These borders had changed several times in negotiations with both sides.

So, the "ancestral" and "millennia-old" land of the native Palestinian people, which is supposedly where they have been for centuries, according to the Palestine Liberation Organization—the internationally recognized representative of the Palestinian people—said in its 1964 constitution that Palestine had the borders drawn by the British government.

In other words, the people who define what Palestine is, according to the Palestine Liberation Organization, are the foreign, colonialist European infidels. There couldn't be a greater absurdity.

Also, in that same constitution, the PLO

specifically stated that the territories of Judea and Samaria— what they call the West Bank— and Gaza were not part of Palestine. They explicitly defined these territories in Article 24 of the original constitution and did not claim them as part of Palestine.

Why? Because there were no Jews there. At that time, in 1964, Jordan was illegally occupying Judea and Samaria. The Six-Day War, where they would lose that land, had not yet occurred. So, there was no reason to claim it.

In the 1948 War of Independence of the State of Israel, they tried to exterminate the Jews instead of accepting a Palestinian Arab state that had just been offered to them with the partition plan presented by the UN the previous year, 1947. If the disagreement had been about territory, they would have accepted the offer. They didn't. So, it wasn't about territory.

They wanted to exterminate the Jews, as they had publicly announced before the war.

What that war did achieve was the prevention of the creation of a Palestinian Arab state, and they failed to exterminate the Jews as they had hoped. The State of Israel was established, but Judea and Samaria were taken by Jordan, and Gaza by Egypt.

That's precisely why, when the PLO drafted its constitution in 1964, it wrote that Judea, Samaria, and Gaza were not part of Palestine. They didn't claim them.

This proves that the PLO was drawing the borders of Palestine specifically to exclude the territory where Jews were. Because it wasn't about obtaining land; it was about killing Jews.

Then, as I mentioned earlier, in the Six-Day War

in 1967, Jordan lost Judea and Samaria, and Egypt lost Gaza. Once Israel had control of them, by 1968, the PLO rewrote its constitution and redefined Palestine to include the territories of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

Again, this shows that it had nothing to do with land. They drew the borders of Palestine to surround precisely the areas where the Jews were, with the aim of exterminating them. In fact, Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of Egypt, announced before the 1967 war that they were going to exterminate the Israeli Jews.

That is why, years later, when Anwar Sadat signed the peace treaty with Israel, it was seen as abandoning the sacred Muslim cause of exterminating the Israeli Jews. Many were deeply offended by Anwar Sadat for signing a peace treaty with Israel, and that's why he was assassinated."

It seems we'll need another edition of the Temple Times to continue unraveling this complex web of lies, revenge, and supposed territorial claims.

It's important to know the history. It would be beneficial for those who oppose Israel's right to defend itself and allow its people to live in their land to educate themselves on the true origins of the Middle East conflict.

In the meantime, and until we meet again in November, I once again wish you Shana Tova Umetuka uGmar Chatima Tova. May we have a good year, and may we be inscribed for a good and sweet life—a life of peace for us, for all the People of Israel, and for all humanity.



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## New Year's Greetings

May this coming year 5785 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.

Rabbi Gustavo Geier and his Family wish everyone a Happy New Year,  
L'Shanah Tovah Tikatayvu

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Susan Goldberg	02
Mark Smith	04
Jason Foote	09
Mark Kall	11
Aaron Neslin	16
Judy Vogel	16
Jennifer Kowalsky	20
Dorothy Harris	30



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Class enrollment is now open! Contact us for more information

## OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 TBE Beginner Hebrew Class 3:30 PM	2 Erev Rosh Hashanah TBE Services 6:15 PM 	3 Rosh Hashanah TBE Services 9:00 AM TBE Tashlich 5:00 PM <i>(See schedule for detailed times)</i> Office Closed	4 TBE Rosh Hashanah 9:00 AM TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30	5 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
6	7 TBE Talmud Torah 3:30 TBE Conversion Class 4:30 PM	8 TBE Beginner Hebrew Class 3:30 PM	9 TE Women's Club Lunch at Debbie's Café 12:00 PM TBE Intermediate Hebrew Class 2:30 PM TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	10 TBE Torah Class 3:00 PM TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM	11 Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre TBE Services 5:20 PM 	12 Yom Kippur TBE Services 10:00 AM <i>(See schedule for detailed times)</i>
13 TBE Sukka Décor 2:00 PM	14 Columbus Day TBE Talmud Torah 3:30 TBE Conversion Class 4:30 PM	15 Men's Club Lunch at Debbie's Café 12:30 PM TBE Beginner Hebrew Class 3:30 PM	16 Erev Sukkot TBE Intermediate Hebrew Class 2:30 PM TBE Religious School 4:00 PM TBE Erev Sukkot 6:00 TE Sukkot Pre-Neg 6:30	17 Sukkot TBE Sukkot 9:30 AM Office Closed	18 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30	19 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
20	21 TBE Talmud Torah 3:30 TBE Conversion Class 4:30 PM	22 TBE Beginner Hebrew Class 3:30 PM	23 Sh'mini Atzeret / Simchat Torah TBE Intermediate Hebrew Class 2:30 PM TBE Religious School 4:00 PM Simchat Torah Celebration 6:00 PM	24 Sh'mini Atzeret / Simchat Torah TBE Yizkor 9:30 AM Office Closed	25 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30	26 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
27	28 TBE Talmud Torah 3:30 TBE Conversion Class 4:30 PM	29 TBE Beginner Hebrew Class 3:30 PM	30 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Class 2:30 PM TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	31 TBE Torah 3:00 PM TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM		



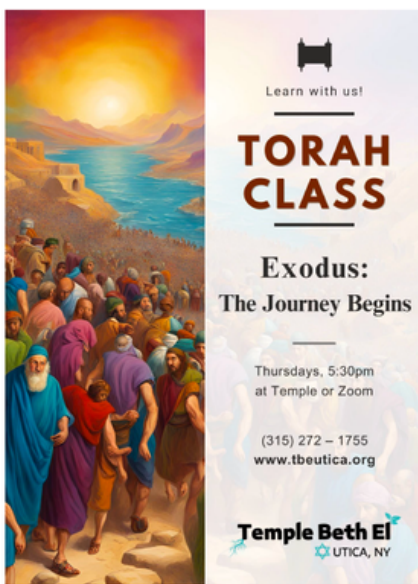
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**Schedule of High Holy Days**



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7:30 PM

**Saturday September 28th – SELICHOT PROGRAM**

**Sunday September 29th**

Annual Cemetery Services at Temple Beth El conducted by Rabbi Geier 10:30 AM

At the conclusion of this service, Rabbi will be available to recite memorial prayers at individual gravesites upon request.

- Temple Beth El Cemetery at 10:50 AM
- House of Israel Cemetery at 11:30 to 11:45 AM
- House of Israel on Mason Road at 1:00 PM

**ROSH HASHANAH**

**Wednesday October 2nd**

Erev Rosh Hashanah Evening Services 6:15 PM

**Thursday October 3rd and Friday October 4th**

Preliminary Service 9:00 AM

Shacharit 9:15 AM

Torah Service 10:00 AM

Shofar Service 10:45 AM

Sermon and Hin'ni 11:00AM

Musaf 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

**Thursday October 3rd** , Tashlich (corner of Genesee Street and Brookline Drive) 5:00 PM

**YOM KIPPUR**

**Friday October 11th**

Mincha ..... 5:20 PM

Kol Nidre ..... 5:40 PM

**Saturday October 12th**

Preliminary Service ..... 10:00 AM

Shacharit ..... 10:30 AM

Torah Service ..... 11:30 AM

Sermon and Hin'ni ..... 12:30 PM

Martyrology and Yizkor ..... 1:00 PM

Musaf ..... 1:30 PM

Recess ..... 2:30 PM

Mincha ..... 5:30 PM

Neilah (Concluding Service) ..... 6:20 PM

Ma'ariv Havdalah - Shofar Blowing, Break the Fast ..... 7:05 PM

**SUKKOT**

**Wednesday October 16th – Erev Sukkot** ..... 6:00 PM

**Thursday October 17th – First Day** In the Sukkah with Kiddush ..... 9:30 AM

**Friday October 18th, – Kabbalat Shabbat** in the Sukkah with Oneg ..... 5:30 PM

**Saturday October 19th, - Shacharit** Shabbat with Oneg ..... 9:30 AM

**Thursday October 24th , – Shemini Atzert** **YIZKOR** ..... 9:30 AM

**Thursday 24th – Simchat Torah** ..... 6:00 PM

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Yahrzeits observed during the week of October 5 to 11, 2024 - 3 to 9 Tishrei, 5785

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 4, 2024

Eugenia Alperovich*	Mae Goodman*	Anna LeBlang	Samuel M. Sumburg*
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Lena Jacobson*	Alex Landau	Charles Robbins*	Gordon Weinstein*
Mannie Feldman*	Emanuel A. Lichtman*	Fay Rawitz*	Mollie Wertheim
Morace Freedman*			

Yahrzeits observed during the week of October 12 to 18, 2024 – 10 to 16 Tishrei, 5785

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 11, 2024

Tillie Bittker*	Shirley Jacobson*	Abraham W. Philipson*	John Sheiman*
Anne Bonnett*	Pinhas & Hanah Kacenenbogen	Aviva Philipson	Philip E. Sonne*
Morris Denemark*	Belle Kopell*	William Rosen*	Yale Smith*
Howard P. Dresher	Samuel Levine	Philip Rosen*	Helene Smith*
Libby Goldstein*	Harry Levinson*	Lydia J. Rudnick*	Hilda Trapanick
Arthur Galinsky*	David H. Lurie*	Jeannette H. Sonneborn*	Rachel Toffler*
Ben Jacobson	Harriet Marmelstein*	Natalie M. Shapiro*	Moses Lewis Wineburgh*

Yahrzeits observed during the week of October 19 to 25, 2024 – 17 to 23 Tishrei, 5785

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 18, 2024

Jennie Braverman*	Neil A. Cramer*	Florence L. Hammer	Leon M. Nelson*
William Boff*	Sadye Daniels*	Judge Harold H. Hymes*	Milton S. Rosen*
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Muriel Bartnick	Eva Ekstein*	Henry Levine*	Joseph Siegel*
Louis H. Blaustein*	Sarah L. Grossman*	Joseph Morris*	George Wineburgh*
Ira Harris Berger			

Yahrzeits observed during the week of October 26 to November 1, 2024 – 24 to 30 Tishrei, 5785

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday October 25, 2024

Jennie Braverman*	Meyer Feldman	Meyer Henry Lindey*	Mayme M Shulman*
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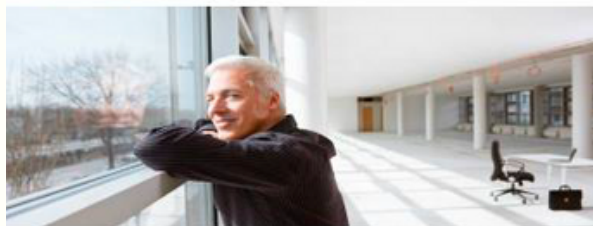
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