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President's Message

Marsha Silverman

Shalom,

A huge thank you to the volunteers who worked tirelessly at Jewtica 2024. Check out the website- Jewtica.com and submit your photos.

Months are spent planning for the 6 hours of fun, food and entertainment for our entire community. I often wonder if people realize the hours needed to plan the event, arranging for the musicians and procuring the stage, hiring the chef for the cooking demonstrations, processing applications for the food vendors, craft and informational vendors, asking for volunteers, obtaining sponsors, ordering the tents and chairs, hiring security, medical personal, creating signage, and the bookkeeping. Don't forget the porta potties!

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Saturday Morning: 9:30 am

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Then comes the few days before the event when the volunteers are invaluable. When the tents go up, chairs and tables must be arranged, pop up tents to set up, signage displayed, vendor placement and set up, covering the tables, helping the vendors unload and pitching in where is needed.

Now it is time to welcome the community and hopefully everyone has a wonderful time. The volunteers may even get a chance to take part in the festivities!

So, you see, it doesn't just happen without you, the volunteers. Thank you again and again.

Hopefully, next year more people will step up and join in making Jewtica 2025 the best yet.

Now back to Temple business.

Watch for your letter in the mail about the Book of Life and please respond in a timely fashion so it will be ready for the High Holidays.

This year, we will need a chairperson or persons for the 95th Political Forum Breakfast. I do hope we can continue this long standing and important event.

I will take this opportunity to thank Rae and Stephen Rosenfeld for their years of service on the board of Temple Beth El. We could always count on them to pitch in in many ways over the years.

Enjoy the summer my friends,
Marsha



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Gustavo Geier

What an incredibly beautiful and exhausting community month we have had. I feel the enormous need to remember it with all of you.

I want to start by recalling the celebration of Yom Haatzmaut that we enjoyed on May 19 at the Capitol Theatre in Rome.

It was a beautiful and heartfelt display of performing arts. An exquisite dance troupe honored us with their visit from Argentina, expressing their feelings through their dance, taking us on a visual journey from the anguish of the Shoah to the emotion and joy of the creation of the State of Israel. Personally, I want to thank Diego Berman, the director, and the entire troupe, not only for their dedication and professionalism but also for allowing me the honor of accompanying them by singing during the performance.

The next stop was the joint Shabbat we shared at Temple Emanu-El with the participation of the Sandcatchers. It was a luxury to see members of the Beth El and Emanu-El communities praying together while enjoying the accompaniment of the band invited for Jewtica 2024 and the emotional farewell to Rachel Smith upon her move from Utica. Special thanks for the varied and delicious dinner provided by the people of Emanu-El.

We continued with Jewtica 2024. I sincerely believe that this event represents us as the entire Jewish Community in Utica and the surrounding areas. Not only because of the variety of food, shows, and cultural options to enjoy for both adults and children and the variety of vendors who came with their products, but because we once again managed to ensure that from the idea of a few (special mention to Joe Silberlicht and Victor Pearlman),

hands and wills joined together, without differences regarding what type of Jews we are, to continue learning from mistakes and finding consensus year after year to achieve a showcase of who we are: Proud Jews of Utica, or better yet, of the Mohawk Valley.

Jewtica was followed, almost without rest, by Shavuot.

Personally, I feel enormously satisfied with the depth of the Tikun Leil Shavuot (a kind of Torah class before the giving of the Torah on the morning of Shavuot) that we shared on Tuesday night, the 11th. We fulfilled the custom of preparing to receive the Torah by studying, and we exchanged thoughts about the 10 Commandments. But above all, we created a space for community and respectful and fruitful study.

These were weeks of hard work for many people who made it possible for all these events to take place and be successful. However, if there is one thing they all had in common, it was the lack of more people (except for the Kabbalat Shabbat at Emanu-El, which had a large attendance).

At the beginning of the book of the Torah that we are reading, I shared two weeks ago, in my commentary of the parasha, (the weekly Torah portion) that Bamidbar begins with a census (a count) of the Israelites. That is why this book is known in English (and also in Spanish) as "Numbers."

By counting, the individual is devalued and tends to become replaceable. If a soldier dies in battle, another will take his place. If a person leaves an organization, another can be incorporated to do their job.

There is, therefore, a danger in counting a nation, that each individual feels insignificant. "What am I? What difference can I make? I am just one among millions, a mere wave in the ocean, a grain of sand on the shore, dust on the surface of the infinite."

The answer lies in the phrase the Torah uses to describe the act of counting: se'u et rosh, literally, "lift the head." This is a strange, indirect expression. Biblical Hebrew has many verbs that mean "to count": limnot, lifkod, lispor, lajshov. Why does the Torah not use one of these words and instead chooses a twisted expression "to lift the heads" of the people?

Then God told Moses to "lift the heads of the people," se'u et rosh, and show them that each one counts, all are important as individuals. Lifting someone's head is equivalent to showing favor, recognizing them. If a census is taken in this way, it is a gesture of love. This census, and the language used to describe it, sends a clear message: in Judaism, we believe that each individual matters.

Each person present matters and each person absent counts.

We need each of you for every event, prayer, class, or project that each congregation of all those that make up Jewish life in the Mohawk Valley organizes. We cannot continue to say that we can watch from afar or find out later how it went.

The sufficiency of a society to build and strengthen itself is based on the collaboration of all its members; even more than being just a few within that society.

It is much more difficult for us to finance, build, and strengthen ourselves if only a few members bear the burden and effort of all. Just

as we do in civil society, where we all must vote, we all must pay our taxes, in the same way, we must all contribute to keeping our congregations economically and financially healthy and with members participating in the activities that make people find that identity in the congregation that makes them feel "at home."

As part of the Jewish People, from our place in the diaspora, we are part of an army outside of Israel of millions of Jews who must care and work to ensure that the state of Israel remains standing and triumphant and that our people grow stronger day by day. WE ARE ALL responsible even with the disagreements we may have in our different ways of thinking, politically or religiously, or in our different customs.

The events around us in the world and in American society repeatedly demonstrate the validity of Hillel's words in the Talmud in the tractate of Avot 1:14, "Im ein ani li, mi li": If I am not for myself, who will be for me? "Ukshe ani leatzmi, ma ani": And when I am for myself alone, what am I? "Ve im lo achshav, eimatai?": And if not now, when?

Do not wait any longer. It is time to participate and strengthen ourselves, as individual congregations and as an entire Jewish Community.

I sincerely hope that at our upcoming events, High Holidays, Sukkoth, and projects (such as Temple Beth El's installation of the Memorial Boards), we have more present than absent. Have an excellent month of Tammuz and enjoy the summer!

Rabbi Gustavo Geier

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July 27, 2024

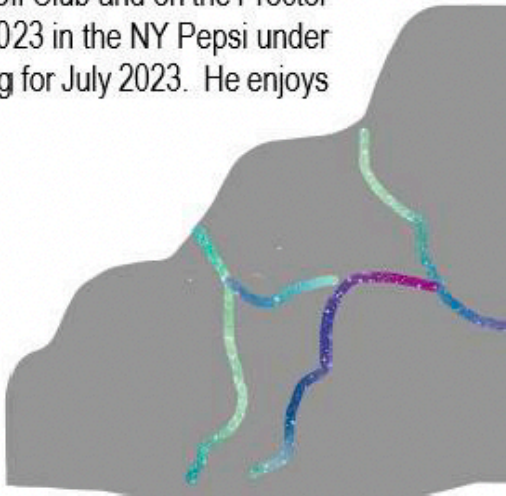
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KIDDISH LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

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Please join us on this special day for Ian. Ian is an excellent student at Donovan Middle School. He is in the Junior National Honor Society, Drama Club, Golf Club and on the Proctor High School Bowling Team. Ian is a state bowling champion for 2023 in the NY Pepsi under 12 age group. He placed 25th in the Nation for Junior Gold Bowling for July 2023. He enjoys spending time playing with friends, family and his animals.

Best wishes for the future.



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To date Ruth has washed and ironed **27** taleisim.

The High Holy Days will be here before you know it – and wouldn't it be wonderful to have a clean sweet smelling tallit?

Remember there is no cost for this but a donation to Temple is appreciated





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and
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Tuesday, July 16 and August 20
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SIMCHA GRAMS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER



August 2024



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	Date	AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Elie Nesin	02	Richard and Heather Cohen	8/9/97
Max Kowalsky	09	Kalman and Vicki Socolof	8/31/80
Judy Oster	10	Mark and Kathy Smith	8/26/00
Ben Hirshfield	20		
Mundy Shapiro	30		

September 2024

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	Date	SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Harry Fisher	03	Alan & Marsey Rosenblum	9/1/1985
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		

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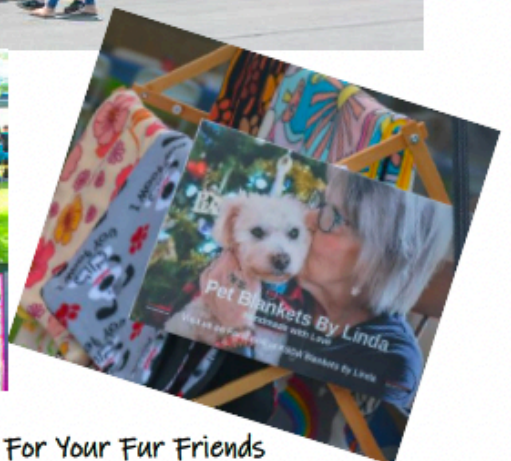
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JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	2 TBE Beginner Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM TBE Board Meeting 7:00 PM	3 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 2:30 PM		5 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 PM	6 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
7	8 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	9 TBE Beginner Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	10 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 2:30 PM	11 TBE Beginner Hebrew Language Class 3:00 PM TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM	12 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 PM	13 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
14 	15 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	16 TBE Beginner Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	17 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 2:30 PM	18 TBE Beginner Hebrew Language Class 3:00 PM TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM	19 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 PM	20 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
21	22 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	23 TBE Beginner Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	24 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 2:30 PM	25 TBE Beginner Hebrew Language Class 3:00 PM TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM	26 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 PM	27 TBE Ian Witonsky Bar Mitzvah 9:30 AM
28 	29 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	30 TBE Beginner Hebrew Language Class 3:30 PM	31 TBE Intermediate Hebrew Language Class 2:30 PM			



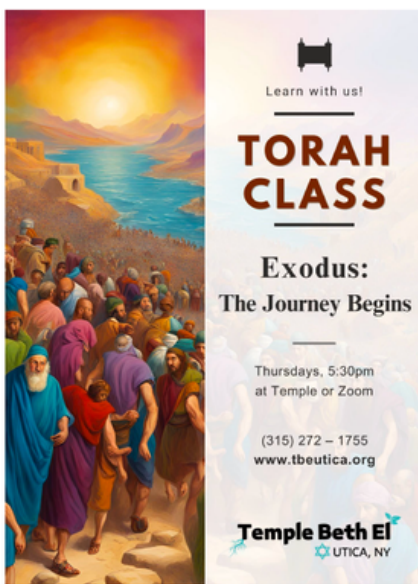
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YAHREZITS

Yahzeits observed during the week of July 8 to 12, 2024 – 30 Shvan to 6 Tammuz, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 5, 2024

Nelle E. Antovil*	Samuel Finkelshtein*	Simon T. Levine*	Jennie Smith*
Anna Abramson*	Jessie A. Goldbas*	Esther Markson*	Martin Smith*
Norman Brown	Sarah Goldman*	Alex Philipson*	Emil Scholt*
Cella Baker*	Ida Kowalsky*	Rita M. Robinson	Bernard C. Shelta*
Esther L. Doling*	Baby Bertha G. Krohnigold*	Howard Sitrin*	Marion Wohlhandler*
Bertha Drescher*	Helmut Lobenstein*	Shirley Ruth Sherman*	Rose Zinger

Yahzeits observed during the week of July 13 to 19, 2024 – 7 to 13 Tammuz, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 12, 2024

Miriam Abelson*	Harold Goldstone*	Harry P. Kahn*	Max Rockford*
Aron M. Brooks*	Bertram Goldberg*	Nathan LaBlang*	Gertrude Rothchild*
Rachel Lena Boff*	Arthur L. Goldman*	Ernest Mallman*	Hermine Sherman*
Helen Brooks*	Bernice Baker Horowitz*	Edward Metelman*	Bessie Sherman*
Jessica B. Cynkus*	David Horowitz*	Harry Morgan*	Rose Sitrin*
Edward Cohen*	Jonah E. Haven*	Ann Magno	Sarah Savett*
Max Dumain*	Gesy Jacobson*	Joseph Nelson*	Inez Andorsky Wiszman*
Manuel Freeman*	Sarah Kopel	Richard A. Philipson*	Edward Arycy Walker*
Mollie Greenberg	Lillian S. Kamino*	Ruth Rosenthal*	Florence Wineburgh

Yahzeits observed during the week of July 20 to 26, 2024 – 14 to 20 Tammuz, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 19, 2024

Milton A. Abelow*	Jonathan D. Deminio*	Arthur S. Kahn	Roslyn Sawlov*
Martha Abelow	Joseph Feinberg*	Hugo Lobenstein*	Shirley Ruth Sherman*
Leo Abelow*	Fred I. Grossman*	Florence Goldstone Myers*	Allen H. Samuels
Anna Berger*	Pierce Goldberg	Leah Metelman*	Morris Sherman*
Jermol D. Berkeley*	Renna Goldstone*	Bessie Finer Meyers*	Nathan Savett*
Herbert H. Bernstein*	Hyman (Hy) R. Herman*	Julia Meizer*	Harry N. Savett*
Harold Burger	Esther L. Harris*	Sadye E. Nusbaum*	Dr. Jacob Savett*
Myron Cohen*	William N. Kahn*	Herbert Philipson*	H. Samuel Slater*
Howard Cramer	Louis Kaplan*	William Schwartz*	Gertrude Smith*
Taube B. Cramer*	Estelle Kilon*	David M. Solomon*	Fincus Targer*
			David N. Wilcove*

Yahzeits observed during the week of July 27 to August 2, 2024 – 21 to 27 Tammuz, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday July 26, 2024

Harris Abramson*	Edith Edelman*	Sandra Sugarman Jockowitz*	Abraham Rossky*
Sallye Abramson*	Sophia Block Freeman*	Adolph Jacobs*	Morris Rudolph*
Samuel Berman*	Syra Friedlander*	Hilda Kahn*	Anne Schainuck Robbins*
Bessie Bill*	Leah Friedman*	Mathew Klein*	Sadie Sawlov*
Sarah Kirshstein Belsser	Allen Goldstein*	Fannie Kwalk*	Sol Shattan*
Anna R. Barnick*	Moses A. Goldenson	David Nathan*	Bessie Cohen Siegel*
Beatrice Burke*	Julius Grossman*	Fritzl P. Rizka*	Wolf Smith*
Harry Copeland*	Stephen F. Goldstone*	Avis Joan Reines	Leon Seck*
Dr. Irving Cramer*	David Howard Harris*	Sarah Rothstein*	Rachel Sumburg*

Yahrzeits

Yahrzeits observed during the week of August 3 to 9, 2024 – 28 Tammuz to 5 Av, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 2, 2024

Albert Abraham	Aaron Goldstone*	Louis Movsh*	Isidor Speiller*
Anna Bemstein	Melvin Hollander*	David Myers*	Maurice Snyder*
Abraham S. Braverman*	Morris B. Horowitz*	Manuel J. Mansky*	Stanley Shapiro
Ray Cone*	Rebecca Karinsky*	Eva Marmelstein*	Sarah Samuels*
Lillian Shapiro Cramer*	Larry Kall*	Edith Potash*	Charles Wineburgh*
Gisella Grossman*	Jane Lindley*	Bella K. Perlman*	Rachael Lewis Wolfe*
Joseph Gray*	Julius Levine	Jack Rosen	Celia Woloshin*
Sheva Gilbert*	Albert Morris*	Ethel Cohen Rosen*	Nathan Wilcove*

Yahrzeits observed during the week of August 10 to 16, 2024 –6 to 12 Av, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 9, 2024

Harry 'Doc' Arlen*	Esther Fox*	Elizabeth Newberger	Joseph Simons*
Betty Cohen Alpert	Sarah Samuels Glickstein*	Joseph Philipson*	Bertha Snyder*
Hanna Arlen*	Amy Kowalsky Gaudin	Ann Heiten Rosenberg*	Shirley Kaplan Tannenbaum*
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Ruth E Cummins	Julius Kaletsky*	Joseph Segall	Tina L. Wolfe*
			Freda Haven Wallace*

Yahrzeits observed during the week of August 17 to 23, 2024 – 13 to 19 Av, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 16, 2024

Martin Benson*	Morton Goldstone*	Nathan Katzman*	Sadye Rockford*
Johanna R. Braverman	Lillian Lenchner Goodfriend*	Ida Nusbaum*	Anna Sladusky*
George Bemstein*	Pearl Hymes*	Carlotta Krohn Postemak*	Fannye Stone
Harry Caplan*	Sadie Kopel*	Louis Rubin*	Moses A. Winnick*
Alfred Cohn*	Meyer Kleiman*	Jennie Rubin*	Ida Yatkowsky*

Yahrzeits observed during the week of August 24 to 30, 2024 – 20 to 26 Av, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 23, 2024

Bessie H. Abelson*	Rose B. Grossman*	Hyman Philipson*	Joseph Sonneborn*
Harry Barsky*	AnnaLee Kamin*	Esther Rose Pleeter*	Theodore H. Silverman*
Solomon Bemstein*	William B. Leventhal*	Jacob (Jack) Philipson*	Leon Sperling*
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	David Mettelman*	Edward L. Rosenthal*	

Yahrzeits observed during the week of August 31 to September 6, 2024 – 27 Av to 3 Elul, 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday August 30, 2024

Dr. Gerald D. Berkowitz*	Diane K. Goldman*	Louis Haven	Philip Rudolph*
Lazarus L. Berman*	Jack Glover*	Ethan Michael Kamin*	Minnie Stern*
Jennie L. Berman*	Abraham Gennis*	Anna F. Marans*	Rose L. Sherline*
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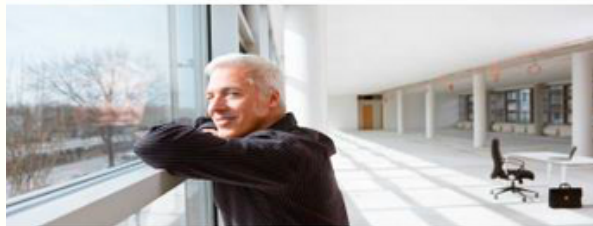
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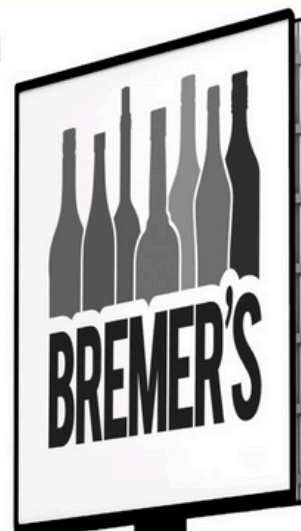
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