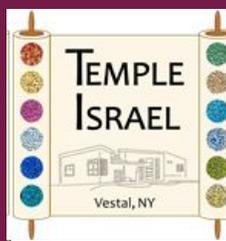


# November 2024 Bulletin



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## NOVEMBER ADULT ED

### Global Jewish Day of Learning

Co-sponsored by Temple Israel, Temple Concord,  
Beth David, the JCC, and the Jewish Federation

Sunday November 17th at 10:00AM

at Temple Israel, Vestal, NY

A light breakfast will be served

Suggested donation \$5 - \$20

The featured speakers will be Rabbi Micah Friedman,  
Rabbi Leah Moser, and Rabbi Zev Silber

On November 17, Jews will gather in communities on 5 continents to study Jewish texts that explore a single theme: what does it mean to be One People? Since 2010 when the Global Day of Jewish Learning was founded by the remarkable Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, of blessed memory, this day has become a unique moment in the calendar of many Jewish communities, including our own here in Binghamton. This is one of our only opportunities to come together to study Torah, acknowledging our different perspectives rooted in Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, and Orthodox movements. This year we will host the event at Temple Israel and I hope you will all make an effort to join us!

Please RSVP to Temple Israel by November 11th. Call 607-723-7461  
or email to [office@templeisraelvestal.org](mailto:office@templeisraelvestal.org)



Dear Temple Israel Community!

## Letter from the Rabbi:

Hodesh Tov! I am wishing you a happy month of Cheshvan on our Hebrew calendar and November in the Gregorian calendar. As we welcome these new months, we can definitively look back on the successful and meaningful Fall season of Jewish holidays we observed together. We gathered in great numbers and with heartfulness to pray and to be in community over Rosh haShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah! Thank you to everyone who worked hard to prepare for the High Holidays, and especially to Cantor Joel Nathanson who we welcomed to lead us this year. As we do every year, we have shared a survey with the community and we would love to see your honest and specific feedback about the slate of services we worked hard to coordinate. You can find the link in your email or at this site: <https://tinyurl.com/TIVHSDSurvey>

There were a number of people who joined us over the holidays who either have not before been a part of our community or who joined us again after some time away. If you or your friend were one of these folks, I would love to connect with you more now that we are on the other side of the holidays! Please, reach out to me or to Tammy in the office so that we can sit down together, go for a walk, or get a cup of coffee this Fall! In our efforts to strengthen our local Jewish community, each of us can make a big impact and together we can deepen our connection to our evolving vibrant Jewish tradition! You can sign up to meet with me at: <https://calendly.com/rabbimicahfriedman/meeting-rabbi-friedman>, email me at [rabbi@templeisraelvestal.org](mailto:rabbi@templeisraelvestal.org) or call the office at 607-723-7461.

In the spirit of deepening our connection with Judaism, this year I intend to organize a variety of learning opportunities for adults to explore fascinating and enriching aspects of our tradition. So, I created a survey where you can tell me what topics you are most interested in learning about and when it works well for your schedule. Please, take a few minutes to complete the survey and set aside some time for one of the most important mitzvot in Jewish tradition: Talmud Torah - learning Torah: <https://tinyurl.com/TIVAdultEdSurvey>. Of course, you can also reach out to me personally and we can set up some time to learn together!

This month we have several special events on the horizon! On Shabbat Noach, the first of November and Cheshvan, we will celebrate an adult Bar Mitzvah of a new official member of TI: Dan Sokol! Dan offers us a profound example of how an adult can choose to deepen their learning and connection to Judaism. Mazel tov for him and for all of us. Then, on Friday evening 11/15 we will pilot a new program for all ages by adapting our regular Kabbalat Shabbat services for a younger audience and offering

Shabbat dinner for all ages and fun learning activities for young children as we welcome Shabbat. All children are welcome and encouraged to participate - whether or not they regularly participate in our weekly Wednesday Hebrew School program! Then, on Sunday 11/17, we will host the annual Global Day of Jewish Learning in partnership with Temple Concord and Beth David.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge that we find ourselves now more than a year after 10/7, and we continue to pray with urgency for the speedy return of the hostages held in Gaza as well as a peaceful conclusion to the armed hostilities between the State of Israel and her neighbors. In our backyard, this month we mark a monumental election season and across the political map nerves are high. I pray that our American democracy will persevere through this year and that our synagogue community will continue to provide us with a space where we can share our lives with others who hold different political perspectives than ourselves. To that end, a week after the election on 11/12, before our weekly minyan, I will hold space for an exploration of Jewish teachings to allow folks to share about their experience of the election as well as to learn about and practice the Jewish values of respectful discourse with others.

Let us pray together for strength and resilience in these times and continue to gather together joyously in community!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Micah Friedman



Dear Members and friends of Temple Israel,

## Letter from the President

I hope that you found our High Holiday services meaningful and inspiring, a safe space from the challenges of the world around us. Our Rabbi Micah Friedman and Cantor Joel Nathanson created this space with traditional and new melodies, thought-provoking lessons, and congregational engagement. Yasher koach and sincere thanks to each of them, as well as to our lay leaders: Rita Bleier, David Channin, Shayna Foreman (shofar), Mika Friedman, Randy Friedman, Steve Gilbert, Phil Goodman, Jeff Horowitz, Mark Hubal, Alan Piaker, Julie Piaker, Richard Schneierson, and Howard Schwartz.

Our thanks to the many volunteers who worked to ensure our services were safe and ran smoothly, including High Holiday Oversight Committee chair Steve Gilbert, Ritual Committee chair Howard Schwartz, and the Safety and Security

Committee under the leadership of Debra Martinez. Active committee members included: Sue Austenfeld, Rita Bleier, David Channin, Naoma & Len Feld, Lynne Green, Tara Kaminsky, Rhonda Levine, Steve Malkin, Roy Paston, Beverly and Hersh Rozen, Richard Schneierson, Howard Warner, and Barbara Zelter. Ushering was organized by Steve Malkin, and those who participated in this and other preparation included: Mike Azersky, Bonnie Brown, Carol Herz, Shelley Hubal, Larry Hurwitz, Jim Mason, Joe Newmark, Cathy Storm, Wendy & Melissa Wolff. We appreciate our staff: Tammy Kunsman and Irina Orlovskaya. (I've surely left some out, for which I apologize!) Special thanks to Sandra and Fred Weitsman for further beautification of our building and grounds, and to the Rozen Foundation for again underwriting the major expenses of delivering our High Holiday Services.

Whether you participated on the bimah, in the sanctuary, or via zoom, we hope your experience was fulfilling. We are always looking to improve, so please complete the survey you received via email, or check the TI website, or send us an email with your comments.

We raised our beautiful Sukkah and were privileged to enjoy a meaningful and educational week of Sukkot, reflective Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor) services, and a joyous Simchat Torah celebration, all in brilliant fair weather. Thanks to the Sukkah-raising (and deconstructing) team of Mike Azersky, Dave Channin, Rabbi Friedman, Jeff Greenblott, Carol Herz, Steve Malkin, Jim Mason, Joe Newmark, Roy Paston, Richard Schneierson, Suzanne Siegel, Howard Warner, and Jonathan Weissberg. Check the website [templeisraelvestal.org](http://templeisraelvestal.org) for pictures!

We hope that your Honeygram provided a sweet start for the New Year! Thanks to our Queen Bees, all our sponsors, and all of you for supporting this program, our first successful fundraiser of 5785. Hebrew School is underway, our libraries are operating, our Adult Ed committee is planning several sessions, and TI hosted a wonderful Inter-Sisterhood event. There is something for everyone, and Temple Israel is here to celebrate your simchas and support all your life cycle events. I remind you that we can only deliver these programs, education, and services through your continued generous support with dues and donations, which are needed as much as ever. Weekly Shabbat Kiddush is usually sponsored by one of our Board members, but voluntary sponsorship to celebrate any occasion is welcome.

We are delighted to welcome several new members this year, some with children, validating our optimism for the long-term future of our synagogue. New or existing, I encourage each of you to engage, participate and enjoy!

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Arthur B. Siegel

President, Temple Israel

# November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Erev Shabbat svcs 5:30pm Light candle 5:39pm	<i>Bar Mitzvah of Dan Sokol</i>  Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 7:00pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Turn clocks back 1 hour		Executive Board meeting 7pm  minyan 5:30pm	Hebrew School 4-6pm		Erev Shabbat svcs 5:30pm Light candle 4:31pm	Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 5:45pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Post election learning discussion with Rabbi Friedman 4:30pm  minyan 5:30pm	Hebrew School 4-6pm		Family Shabbat svcs w/dinner & learning 5:30pm Light candle 4:24pm	Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 5:45pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Adult Ed program: Jewish Day of Learning at 10:00am		Board of Trustees meeting 7pm  minyan 5:30pm	Ritual Committee mtg 10:am Hebrew School 4-6pm		Erev Shabbat svcs 5:30pm Light candle 4:19pm	Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 5:30pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		minyan 5:30pm		Thanksgiving	Erev Shabbat svcs 5:30pm Light candle 4:16pm	Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 5:30pm
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## General Fund

### For the Yahrzeit of...

**Alex Wiener** by Sandra Wiener  
**Albert J. Kline** by Herbert Kline  
**Nathan Gilinsky** by Charles & Susan Gilinsky  
**David Stearns** by Charles & Susan Gilinsky  
**Ruth Markowitz** by Barbara Markowitz  
**Minnie Riger** by Janet & Harvey Levine  
**Solomon Spitz** by Ann Spitz & Charlie Pladek  
**Brendan Byrnes** by Roy & Sandra Paston  
**Gussie Bronsky** by Judy & Richard Agata

### In honor of...

**Rabbi's Micah Friedman & Talia Laster's engagement** by Merri Pell-Preus & Tony Preus, Ina Bellis, Mark & Susan Walker, Roy & Sandra Paston  
**The birth of Rabbi & Elissa Brown's new grandson Orhys** by Ina Bellis  
**George Siegel's 98th birthday** by Len & Naoma Feld, Ann Spitz & Charlie Pladek  
**Ben & Susan Kasper** by William Weber  
**Bill Kogan's 85th birthday** by Len & Naoma Feld  
**Dan Sokol for reading from the Torah** by Jim Mason & Carol Engel - Mason

### In memory of...

**Lu Jones (Tammy Kunsman's mother)** by Herbert Kline, Ilene Pinsker, Roy & Sandra Paston, Ina Bellis, Jim Mason & Carol Engel - Mason  
**Donald Livsky** by Ina Bellis  
**Brendan E. Byrnes** by Hollie Levine  
**Ryan Paston** by Roy & Sandra Paston  
**Celia Goldstein** by Mark, Cindy, Rachel, Ofelia & David Goldstein

### Wishing Good Health to...

**Jeff Shapiro** by Jim Mason & Carol Engel-Mason

## Contributions

### Thank you to...

**Steve Malkin for all he does for Temple Israel** by Anonymous  
**Arthur Siegel for everything** by Anonymous  
**Joel Nathanson for a very moving and relevant High Holiday experience** by Anonymous  
**Lay Service Leaders** by Anonymous

### Rabbi's Discretionay Fund

### Wishing good health to...

**Steve Gilbert** by Judy & Irwin Simon

### In memory of...

**Dr. Elihu Channin** by David Channin

### Bernie Shifrin Music Fund

### For the Yahrzeit of...

**Dr. Simon Silverman** by Vicki & Stuart Rouff  
**Marcia Krassin-Murphy** by Terry Shelley-Krassin  
**Marion Rapp** by Barbara Roberts

### Mitzvah Corps

### In memory of...

**Moira Shirvan** by William Weber

### VINES Garden

### In memory of...

**Valerie Young** by The Bronsky/Cafritz Family & Bronsky Orthodontics NYC  
**Devora Sarah Brickman** by The Bronsky/Cafritz Family  
**The beloved son of the Raghei/Gilder Family** by The Bronsky/Cafritz Family & Bronsky Orthodontics NYC

### In honor of...

**Magdalena Dunmar Willis on her graduation from Law School** by The Bronsky/Cafritz Family & Bronsky Orthodontics NYC

### Hebrew School Fund

### For the Yahrzeit of...

**Mike Becker** by Nancy Bittman

### Kiddush Fund

### In honor of...

**Mark & Shelley Hubal** by William Weber

### Congratulations to our October Lottery Fundraiser winners:

**Julia Clark, Emily Wolff, Cathy Velenchik, Aaron Wolff, Rachel Kwapien**

**The JCC Senior Friendship Club will be going out for lunch on Wednesday November 20th at 1:00pm at the Lost Dog Cafe Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to join. No reservations are needed.**

### The Caring Community

**Please inform the Rabbi:** If your health condition changes, you undergo a medical procedure, are hospitalized, you move to an assisted living facility or rehab, or if you are aware of anyone in our congregation who needs attention.

Temple Israel members joined fellow member Hadassah Mativetsky in the Sukkah October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Jewish texts as well as academic research in social psychology presented to her as part of her Mahloket Matters fellowship with Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. Judaism has a rich tradition of constructive disagreement modeled in the Talmud.

After her election to council, Hadassah applied for the fellowship to help her keep her head on straight in the dirty world of partisan politics. She shared about how the text study she completed during the spring semester impacts the way she thinks and acts in city hall.



## Congregational News

*Mazel Tov to:*

**Ariela Kweller on her Bat Mitzvah  
Daniel Sokol on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah**

*Get Well wishes to:*

**Marcia Brown, Stephanie Horowitz, Jeff Shapiro, Susan Gilinsky,  
Marcia Hofstein, Ann Spitz, Mel Dubofsky, Steve Gilbert, Laurence Wyman**

## ADULT LIBRARY

We all are familiar with the story of Noah and his ark, but what do you know about his family? Jill Smith's book, *The Ark and the Dove* explores the story of Noah's wife Zara. This Biblical historical novel describes the world and the lives of Zara, Noah, and their sons before the flood. The attitudes of their friends towards Noah building the ark are challenging to say the least. Zara's role as wife and mother both in the pre-flood and post-flood years is depicted. Their adventures on and off the ark test more than their patience.

Two more Biblical historical novels, *Ahoti*, by Miriam Vamosh and Eva Marie Everson, and *The Prophetess* by Jill Smith explore two daughters of King David - Tamar and Deborah. *Ahoti* is the story of Tamar, an unsung heroine betrayed and living in exile. *The Prophetess* is the story of Deborah, her family and her role against Canaan's armies. She is described as Israel's most powerful woman.

The author, Jill Eileen Smith, has written many books on women in the Old Testament. She thoroughly researches her subjects in the Bible and Israel. She enjoys learning how biblical times lived. The library has a few of her books.

Ann Cohen  
Temple Librarian

# Photos from our Kids and Families Sukkot celebration

Kids, parents and grandparents gathered to wave the lulav, sing Hallel, and to make edible model sukkot!



# NOVEMBER 2024 YAHRZEITS

## November 1 - 7

**Jack Krassin** observed by *Terry Shelley-Krassin*  
**Mildred Levine\*** observed by *Harvey Levine*  
**Ryan Paston** observed by *Roy & Sandra Paston*  
**Zelda Wyman** observed by *Laurence Wyman*  
**Martha Katz\*** observed by *Carol Herz*  
**Solomon Spitz** observed by *Ann Spitz*  
**Sara Edelman\*** observed by *Sandra Shapiro*  
**Alois Gross, MD** observed by *Beverly Novak*  
**Horatio Schlaen** observed by *Brenda Schlaen*  
**Bess Schwartz** observed by *Howard Schwartz*  
**Ferne Weintraub\*** observed by *David Weintraub*  
**Celia Goldstein\*** observed by *David Goldstein*  
**Roslyn Rosenbaum** observed by *Hersh Rozen, Scott Rosenbaum*

## November 8 - 14

**Abraham Phillip Friedman** observed by *Randy Friedman*  
**Nathan Gilinsky\*** observed by *Charles Gilinsky & Stanley Gilinsky*  
**Barbara Balotin** observed by *Eric Balotin*  
**Dr. Paula Gross** observed by *Beverly Novak*  
**Jose Sambursky** observed by *Daniel, Joyce & Ronald Sambursky*  
**Sarah Zalowitz\*** observed by *Beverly Rozen*  
**Bernard Smigel** observed by *Joan Jacobson*  
**Harry Greenblott\*** observed by *Cookie Greenblott*  
**Jacob Levene\*** observed by *Gail Shulman*  
**Elihu Channin, MD** observed by *David Channin*  
**Howard Mai** observed by *Beverly Rozen*  
**Edward Rosenberg\*** observed by *Barbara Guter*  
**Harriet Ribler** observed by *Pamela Marcus*

## November 15 - 22

**Murray Weber** observed by *Jack Weber*  
**Philip Goodman** observed by *Philip Goodman*  
**Aharon Mah'pud** observed by *Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu*  
**Claire Feldman Palnik** observed by *Marlene Wolsh*  
**David Stearns** observed by *Charles Gilinsky*  
**Claire Shefftz** observed by *Jonathan Shefftz*  
**Benjamin Bronsky\*** observed by *Ann Bronsky*  
**Jack Leitner** observed by *Diana Weiss*  
**Irving Markowitz** observed by *Barbara Markowitz*  
**Adele Wiener** observed by *Sandra Wiener*  
**Saul Bauman** observed by *David Tanenhaus*  
**Leo Goldman** observed by *Fran Goldman*  
**Tom Head** observed by *Eileen Head, Hadassah Mativetsky*  
**Harold Herz** observed by *Henry Herz*

## November 23 - 30

**Bruce Kweller** observed by *Yaron Kweller*  
**Elizabeth Brown\*** observed by *David Weintraub*  
**Constance Kapel** observed by *Heidi Thirer*  
**Evelyn Greenblott\*** observed by *Cookie Greenblott*  
**Albert Pigeon** observed by *Sandra Malkin*  
**Abraham Tanenhaus\*** observed by *David Tanenhaus*  
**Emery Woodruff** observed by *Florence Balin*  
**Albert J. Kline\*** observed by *Herbert Kline*  
**Paul Mateescu** observed by *Malvinia Sambursky*  
**Marion Summers** observed by *Marcia Brown*  
**Jack Zelter\*** observed by *Donald Zelter*  
**Rita Pober** observed by *Kathy Seitel-West*

An asterisk(\*) indicates that the name has a memorial plaque in the Sanctuary.

If you wish to recite Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday service, other than Tuesday or Friday, please contact the Temple Israel office. A notice will be sent to the congregation to make up a Minyan. It would be helpful if you contact us two weeks prior to the date.