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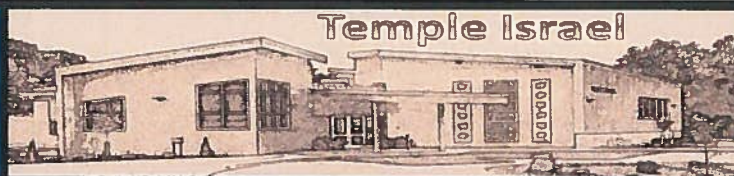
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Temple Israel events for the upcoming holidays

Saturday September 30th at 9:30am—noon:

Shabbat/Sukkot Day 1 services

(in the sanctuary & on Zoom), followed by kiddush in the Sukkah

Sunday October 1st at 9:30am—noon:

Sukkot Day 2 services

(in the sanctuary & on Zoom),
followed kiddush & shaking the lulav and etrog in the Sukkah

Tuesday October 3rd at 12pm—1:30pm:

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Friedman in the Sukkah

Tuesday October 3rd at 5:30pm:

Weekly minyan in the Sukkah (or inside if bad weather)

Wednesday October 4th at 10:00am—1:00pm:

Rabbi Friedman in the Sukkah to welcome congregants

Wednesday October 4th at 5:30pm—7:00pm:

Family/Children dinner in the Sukkah

Thursday October 5th at 12:00pm—2:00pm:

Rabbi Friedman in the Sukkah to welcome congregants

Friday October 6th at 5:30pm—6:30pm:

Shabbat evening services

(in the sanctuary & on Zoom)

Saturday October 7th at 9:30am— noon:

Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor services

(in the sanctuary & on Zoom)

Sunday October 8th at 9:30am—12:30pm:

Simchat Torah celebration with dancing & celebratory meal

***Any day or any time the Sukkah is open all week for congregants to visit, sit or eat.**

***Please note:** Congregants are welcome to bring a small meal or light refreshments to lunch with Rabbi Friedman Wednesday or Thursday... or any other time on their own. *Pot Luck rules apply:* only kosher products or homemade food items using kosher ingredients (no pork or shellfish products, no mixing milk and meat, etc). Please bring your own utensils, and plan to remove your own trash from the Sukkah.

***The Temple Sukkah is on the patio next to the chapel**



Rabbi Micah Friedman

L'Shanah Tovah!

Here's to a good new year for everyone who is a part of our Temple Israel community, our greater Binghamton Jewish community, and all of our family and friends wherever they might be!

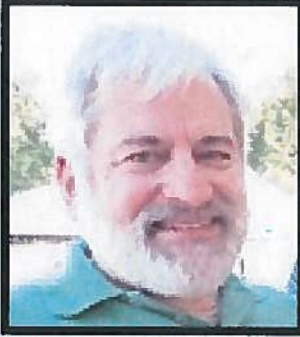
So far, this new year 5784 has been busy and filled with meaningful and joyful community events! From my perspective, we had a very good turnout for our services on both Rosh haShanah and Yom Kippur, but more importantly, those of us who were able to join together in person and online *davenned* together with heart and soul. I was privileged to share with the community some of my interpretations of the traditional words of the *Mahzor* that guide our prayer over the High Holidays, and I was glad to hear that what I shared was resonant with quite a number of members of our community!

This year, the start of October arrives along with the start of one of our most fun festivals: Sukkot. Somehow, every year, in each different context in which I find myself, even though I know to anticipate that Sukkos will begin very soon after Yom Kippur, I experience a degree of whiplash as I work to build a sukkah and to find *schach*, natural plant matter to serve as the shade of the temporary structures that become our homes for a week in the early Fall. Part of this whiplash is surely rooted in all that needs to be accomplished, even as we have already worked very hard to prepare for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

However, another shade of this experience is rooted in the starkly different moods of Yom Kippur and Sukkot. While on Yom Kippur, we make time to somberly consider our mortality and we refrain from any food or drink. On Sukkot, we call this time *Z'man Simchateinu* (the period of our rejoicing) and we are encouraged by our tradition to share special treats with everyone as a way of feeding a shared experience of *simcha*. While these two holidays seem to be very different, they are each anchored in practices that lead us to embodied awareness of the fragility of our lives: fasting on Yom Kippur and dwelling outside on Sukkot. In different ways, on each of these holy days, Judaism encourages us to experience this awareness joyfully, with song and community!

This year, at Temple Israel, we will have a full celebration of Sukkot all the way through Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah! From joyous services with Hallel during Sukkot and dancing with the Torah on Simchat Torah to studying the book of Ecclesiastes over lunch on Tuesday and eating and playing with young children and families, our sukkah and our sanctuary will be filled with life this month! Please, join us for as much of our joyous celebrations as you can!

After Simchat Torah, we have much more to look forward to! I know I am looking forward to a kick-off event with Sisterhood in the evening of 10/24 and a youth-group kick-off event for teenagers beginning with Havdalah on 10/28. Later October is also a great time to make a plan to meet with me, to get to know each other, and to talk about whatever you would like to discuss!



Arthur Siegel, President

Dear Members and friends of Temple Israel,

I hope that you found our High Holiday services meaningful and inspiring. Rabbi Micah Friedman and our shaliach tzibur Sheldon Horowitz mingled traditional and new melodies, offered thought-provoking lessons, and stimulated congregational participation. We offer a hearty yasher koach and sincere thanks to each of them, as well as to our lay leaders Rita Bleier, David Channin, Len Feld, Mika Friedman, Randy Friedman, Steve Gilbert, Phil Goodman, Jeff Horowitz, Mark Hubal, Alan Piaker, Julie Piaker, Richard Schneierson, and Howard Schwartz.

Many volunteers worked to ensure our services were safe and ran smoothly, including High Holiday Oversight Committee Co-Chairs Steve Gilbert and Moira Shirvan, 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, Naoma Feld, Lynne Green, Jeff Horowitz, Tara Kaminsky, Steve Malkin, Joe Newmark, Roy Paston, Beverly Rozen, Hersh Rozen, Richard Schneierson, Howard Warner, and Barbara Zelter. Other preparation work was done by Mike Azersky, Carol Herz, Shelley Hubal, Kathy Storm, and of course Tammy Kunsman and Irina Orlovskaya. (I've surely left someone out, for which I apologize!) Special thanks to Sandra and Fred Weitsman for the beautiful upgrades to our building and grounds, and to the Rozen Foundation for underwriting major expenses of delivering High Holiday Services.

Whether you participated in the sanctuary or via zoom, we hope your experience was fulfilling. We are always looking to improve, so please complete the forthcoming survey, or send us an email with your comments. (Yes, actions are already underway to address some limitations which impacted the zoom reception of harmonizing voices and shofar sounds.)

We raised our beautiful Sukkah and we will conduct Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor), and Simchat Torah services, hoping that forecasted fair weather will enable us to fulfill the mitzvah to sit and even dine in the Sukkah. Thanks to the Sukkah-raising team of Rabbi Friedman, Jeff Greenblott, Carol Herz, Richard Schneierson, Suzanne Siegel, and Arie Ullmann. Watch for emails detailing the numerous opportunities for participants of all ages to join in the Sukkah.

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 successful first fundraiser of 5784. Our celebratory mood continues into October and beyond, with a full slate of programs. Hebrew School has begun, our libraries are operating, our Adult Ed committee is planning several sessions, and Sisterhood is reorganizing. There is something for everyone, and Temple Israel is here to celebrate your simchas and support all manner of life cycle events. I remind you that we can only deliver these programs, education, and services through the continued generous support of your dues and donations, which are needed as much as ever.

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

G'mar chatimah tovah; may you be sealed for a good healthy New Year !

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Arthur B. Siegel
President, Temple Israel

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In honor of...

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Jennifer Schutzer by Mimi & Dan Bartschi
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In appreciation of...

Tammy Kunsman for all she does by Robin & Jeff Greenblott

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Speedy recovery to...

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Family / Childrens Library

In memory of...

Carol Marcal by Moira Shirvan
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Ruth Markowitz by Barbara Markowitz

Adult Library

For the Yahrzeit of...

Jacob Wearb by Ann Bronsky

Congratulations to our September lottery fundraiser winners:

Mimi Bartschi
Michael Wolff
Marlene Resnick

Sisterhood News

Our first meeting in the New Year will be Tuesday evening October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Temple. Rabbi Friedman will be with us to share some of his thoughts about the role Sisterhoods play as an integral part of a Synagogue. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the Temple Israel office to RSVP at 607 723-7461.

Eyeglass collection

The Lions Club is collecting eyeglasses (including sunglasses) that you no longer want. They distribute them in African countries for those in need.

There is a bin between the 2 sets of entry doors for the glasses.

Please contact Judy Simon with any questions.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sukkot Day 2 Svcs at 9:30 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Leon Vainer Loren Wolsh <u>Happy Anniversary</u> Stanley & Sabina Gilinsky	2 Tammy off Office hours 10am—12 noon	3 Noon-1:30pm Lunch & Learn w/the Rabbi Tammy off Office hours 2pm—4pm Executive Board meeting 7:00pm Minyan 5:30pm	4 10am-1pm The Rabbi in the Sukkah to welcome congregants 5:30pm-7pm Family dinner in Sukkah	5 10am-1pm The Rabbi in Sukkah to welcome congregants <u>Happy Birthday</u> Larry Davis <u>Happy Anniversary</u> Dennis & Linda Robi	6 Light candle 6:19pm Erev Shabbat Services 5:30pm	7 Shemini Atzeret Services 9:30am & yizkor 11:00am Shabbat services 9:30am-12pm Havdalah 7:30pm
8 Simchat Torah Services 9:30am Celebration & dancing & meal <u>Happy Birthday</u> George Siegel	9 Columbus Day Office closed <u>Happy Birthday</u> Michael Martinez	10 Minyan 5:30pm	11 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Matan Bock	12 	13 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Marcy Cohen Light candle 6:08pm Erev Shabbat Services 5:30pm	14 Shabbat services 9:30am-12pm Havdalah services 7:15pm
15 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Shelley Warner	16 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Isabelle Gindi Ian Stuppel Annette Wiesner	17 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Shelley Hubal Trustees meeting 7:00pm Minyan 5:30	18 	19 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Ruth Levin	20 	21 Shabbat services 9:30am -12pm Havdalah services 7:00pm
22 	23 	24 Sisterhood Mtg 7:00pm Minyan 5:30pm	25 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Mel Dubofsky	26 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Arieh Ullmann	27 	28 Shabbat services 9:30am-12pm Havdalah services 7:00pm
29 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Matt Manasse <u>Happy Anniversary</u> Cherese & Andre Rosales Robert & Diana Weiss	30 <u>Happy Birthday</u> Joyce Sambursky	31 Minyan 5:30pm				

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Sue Austenfeld	In memory of my parents Marlene & Richard Mendelson
Marcia Brown	In memory of Nathan & Betty Brown
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Rabbi Micah Friedman	In memory of Lois Levitt
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Robert & Cathy Friedman	In honor of Rabbi Micah Friedman
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Mark & Shelley Hubal	In memory of Stephen Meltzer
Larry & Kathy Hurwitz	In honor of our parents
Alexander & Tara Kaminsky	
	In honor of Lori Schapiro & Mark Hubal;
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Alfred Lavker	In memory of Pam Lavker
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	In memory of Marion & Alexander Schweiger, Charles Schweiger, Rita & Milton Osber
Arlene Osber	
	In memory of our siblings Gerald Paston, Beatrice Weissman and Jack Kurson
Roy & Sandra Paston	
Alan & Julie Piaker	In memory of our parents
Hersh & Beverly Rozen	In memory of our parents
The Schapiro Family	In loving memory of Irvin Schapiro
	In memory of our parents Edith & Henry Schutzer and Burt & Barbara Blazar
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Art & Suzanne Siegel	In honor of the High Holiday Committee
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Loren & Marlene Wolsh	
Laurence & Edyce Wyman	In honor of our grandchildren Charlotte & Ethan Wyman
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Condolences to...

Joyce Sambursky and Family on the passing of her sister Leane Dicker

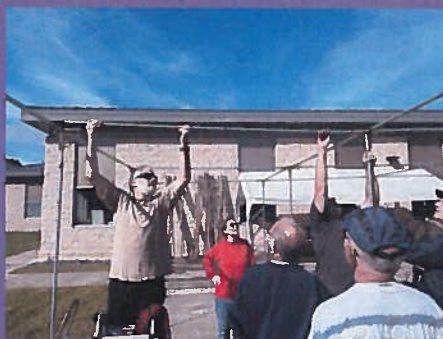
Get Well Wishes to...

**Marilyn Bell, Barbara (Bobbi) Markowitz, Cookie Greenblott, Jeff Shapiro, Ann Spitz,
Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu, Moira Shirvan**

Mazel Tov to...

**David & Rivka Channin on the engagement of their son
Joshua to Alexis Miller**

Building the Sukkah



October 2023 Yahrzeits

October 1—9

Sandra Feinberg* observed by *Jeffrey Feinberg*
Marcia Krassin Murphy observed by *Terry Shelley-Krassin*
Ruth Markowitz observed by *Bobbi Markowitz*
Jacob Wearb* observed by *Ann Bronsky*
Samuel Morgan observed by *Ruth Shapiro*
Philip Piaker* observed by *Susan Kasper, Alan Piaker*
Stanley Wyman observed by *Laurence Wyman*
Ben Schwartz observed by *Howard Schwartz*
Marion Rapp observed by *Barbara Roberts*
Benjamin Horowitz observed by *Beverly Rozen*
James Kline* observed by *Herbert Kline*
Frank Lavker* observed by *Al Lavker*
Alex Wiener observed by *Sandy Wiener*
Marcia Wolff observed by *Michael Wolff*

October 10—17

Avraham Derhy observed by *Rivka Channin*
David Janofsky observed by *Julie Piaker*
Henry Weinstock observed by *Ann Spitz*
Leon Weintraub* observed by *David Weintraub*
Raymond Shanfeld observed by *Lois Rappaport*
Gussie Bronsky* observed by *Judy Agata, Gary Kaganowich*
Brendan Byrnes observed by *Hollie Levine*
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*

October 18—25

Sarah Edelman observed by *Sandra Shapiro*
Alois Gross, MD observed by *Beverly Novak*
Dr. Paula Gross observed by *Beverly Novak*
Bess Schwartz observed by *Howard Schwartz*
Ferne Weintraub* observed by *David Weintraub*
Celia Goldstein* observed by *David Goldstein*
Roslyn Rosenbaum observed by *Hersh Rozen*
Abraham Phillip Friedman observed by *Randy Friedman*
Nathan Gilinsky observed by *Charles Gilinsky, Stanley Gilinsky*
Jose Sambursky observed by *Joyce, Daniel & Ronald Sambursky*
Sarah Zalbowitz observed by *Beverly Rozen*
Bernard Smigel observed by *Joan Rozen-Jacobson*

October 26—31

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*
Rose Levin observed by *Ruth Levin*
Harriet Ribler observed by *Pamela Marcus*
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*

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

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 if you move to an assisted living facility, or if you are in rehab,
 please contact the Temple at 607-723-7461 or email titammy@stny.twcbc.com

Mourners' Kaddish

If you wish to recite Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday Zoom service, please contact Howard Schwartz at schwerz@stny.rr.com or call the Temple office at 607-723-7461. An e-mail notice will be sent to the congregation encouraging attendance to have enough participants to make up a Minyan. It would be helpful if you contact Howard or the office ten days or more before the date to provide enough time to send out the notice. Temple Israel holds weekday Minyan services on Zoom and in-person on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30pm. If you would prefer a different day to coincide with a Yahrzeit date, let us know and we will work to make those arrangements. To see a video on how to recite the Mourner's Kaddish, go to the Temple Israel website, templeisraelvestal.org, under Worship.