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WEEKDAY MORNING MINYAN 7:45 am

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EVENING MINYAN 7:45 pm Sunday - Thursday

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5:30 pm Oneg Shabbat
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SHABBAT /HOLIDAY CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday, September 4:	7:05 pm
Friday, September 11:	6:53 pm
Friday, September 18:	6:41 pm
Saturday, September 19:	7:39 pm
Friday, September 25:	6:29 pm
Sunday, September 27:	6:26 pm



FROM THE BIMA

“From the Bima” still feels like it should be “From the Rabbi’s Zoom Screen,” as we have now been running the synagogue virtually for five months. Much of the summer was spent planning for our virtual High Holidays and a virtual or hybrid start to the school year. In all my years as a pulpit rabbi, I never could have envisioned anything like this taking place. As the weeks have stretched into months with no end in sight, many intellectuals in the Jewish world are beginning to wonder if we are experiencing the next great shift in Jewish life.

We know, from, looking backward that there have pivotal moments in our history that have transformed the Jewish experience in revolutionary ways. When the ancient Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed and we were exiled to Babylonia, we developed Judaism as we know it with rabbis, prayer, Torah study and Mitzvot. In the 17th century when the French Revolution introduced individual rights, Judaism, which is still communal in nature, was shaken to its core. As Western Civilization developed and went along for the ride, eventually being Jewish became an option that one chose, rather than an externally imposed way of life. The Holocaust and the birth of the State of Israel also transformed Jewish life, especially here in America.

Adaptive change is not new to Judaism; originally, only one person said Mourner’s Kaddish and there was a hierarchy to determine who had the strongest claim. Then during the Crusades, so many died that the rabbis decided, as a temporary measure, they would allow all the mourners to rise and say the Mourner’s Kaddish together. What was intended as a response to a crisis became the new normal. Now that we have the Zoom minyan and the livestream service, some are wondering if this is a temporary measure or the new normal – only time will tell.

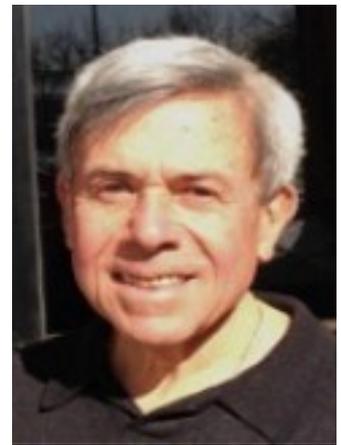
What I can tell you is that a synagogue is first and foremost a place for Jews to gather to study and pray, and that in the age of the Coronavirus pandemic, synagogues are still places for Jews to gather in order to study and pray – we adjust and adapt as needed in order to continue to fulfill our core mission. Only time will tell which innovations pass with end of the crisis and which will become a part of the Judaism that our children and grandchildren will live.

Am Yisrael Chai – The People of Israel Live!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

MEMORIES OF ROSH HASHANAH PAST; HOPES FOR THE FUTURE



I have pleasant High Holiday memories as a kid growing up in the '50's in Paterson's very Jewish Eastside, known to historians as the Golden Age of Paterson Jewry. Here are some of those memories:

1. Staying out of school. Public schools did not routinely close back then for Jewish holidays; if you wanted to celebrate, you just stayed out and took an absence. Some kids would skip school and not go to synagogue, which I considered cheating. So what did I do with my time after synagogue morning services? I could fool around, argue with my brother, tease the dog or watch baseball.
2. Hanging with my cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents. The holidays were always an extended family time when I could be with relatives I didn't routinely see. My grandparents were first generation immigrants and the families were very large. Getting to see all my cousins at one time was a treat. We were all spoiled by the grandparents and thrived in the loving and supportive environment created in these gatherings.
3. Eating great food. My mother, who was a Sisterhood president and Board member, was a good cook and made special dishes. She was a baker, too, so we enjoyed sweets, cookies, pastries. We were a meat and potatoes family, this being long before I gave up eating meat.
4. And, oh yeah, did I mention going to synagogue? We would go on foot, maybe a 20 to 30 minute walk. I remember throngs of people, all dressed up their holiday finest, gathering outside on the steps of Temple Emanuel at Broadway and 33rd Street, a very busy intersection. We must have made quite a sight for passing cars: everybody checking out everyone else and Henry oogling the girls out of the corner of his eye.

At times we even went into the synagogue to pray. Imagine that! I remember Rabbi David Panitz presiding over the services in his HHD kitel. Once or twice Rabbi Panitz might announce a World Series score, and I wondered if "Someone" had whispered the news into his ear. Temple Emanuel was a beautiful art deco structure with enormous stained glass windows. The synagogue choir sang from behind a curtain in a choir loft above the bima and ark. We considered the other main synagogue in town, the Barnert Temple, as too liberal for us.

I can't help but compare those old Paterson days to 5781 in Wayne. Our beautiful Shomrei Torah sanctuary will be mainly empty. But the old warm feelings from our youths will be recreated. Family is still family, holiday cooking may be different but still delicious. Rabbi Mark and Stuart Skolnick are planning a very meaningful service which will combine the old with the new, and we can think about the good days ahead when we can once again gather as a community in our sanctuary and create again the warm and supportive environment of our youths. So we'll be creating new traditions and memories for years to come.

Shanah Tova to all, and best wishes for a healthy, safe and prosperous 5781.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Help is needed to assemble the structure of the Sukkah on
Sunday, September 13@ 10:00 am

Please contact Zev Friede or Steve Gastwirth
and let them know that you can be counted on!

Shake your lulav



Get Ready for Sukkot 5781!
**Place your lulav & etrog order
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MEN'S CLUB HAPPENINGS

No one can deny the fact that the last year has been challenging to all of us on so many levels. Rabbi Mark, Henry Ramer (our president), our Board of Trustees, our synagogue staff, and our dedicated congregation members have all made "Herculean" efforts to keep us, as they say, "keepin' on."

We've kept on across all dimensions of the Shomrei experience: religious, spiritual, educational, humanitarian, and social. Since becoming a member of the synagogue in 1980, the social aspect of being part of Shomrei Torah has been among the most important and rewarding to me. The Men's Club in many ways was and continues to be central to my social experience at Shomrei Torah. As a 30 year old, new to Wayne and its Jewish community, it helped me to meet some of my closest friends. By serving in leadership roles and participating in activities and events it promoted an atmosphere of camaraderie and feelings of connectedness. Our annual family weekend in the Catskills, bus trips to Atlantic City, baseball game outings, and endless barbecues are the stuff friendships are made of.

But the Men's Club, just like its Sisterhood counterpart, is more than a social organization. It's work is critical to the financial health and general well-being of the synagogue. All dimensions of the Shomrei Torah experience are made possible because of dedicated and committed Men's Club members. As our synagogue evolves, changes, and grows with new and longtime members alike, it is important to ensure that the Men's Club remains vibrant and serves the needs and interests of our current and potential membership.

I have been a member of the Shomrei Torah Men's Club for the majority of my life. I look forward to seeing and helping the new and the next generation of leaders reinvent and renew the organization with a deep appreciation for the role it has, does, and can play in the life of the synagogue--and all its dimensions.

I know our members have many obligations and commitments, including family, work, and even other Shomrei Torah activities. However, the Men's Club, when effectively organized and well supported, can thrive without overburdening anyone. It's about a shared sense of purpose, shared commitment, and shared experiences. The best Men's Club programming is collaborative, inclusive, and fun. Axe throwing and monster truck rallies may have to wait...let's start with building the Sukkah on September 13 at 10:00 AM when coffee, bagels and camaraderie can all be enjoyed. Naturally, all social distancing guidelines and precautions will be observed.

See you then,

Steve Gastwirth & Zev Friede Men's Club Co-Coordinator.

BAT MITZVAH OF LEAH KLEINSTEIN

September 12, 2020 / 23 Elul 5780



Shabbat Shalom.

My name is Leah Kleinstein, and I am being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 12th, 2020. I am an eighth grader at Anthony Wayne Middle school. I love doing many activities, such as dancing, acting, singing, and drawing. I love spending time and going on vacations with my family. My family has had a very large impact on my life. They always know how to make me smile and laugh.

My Parshah is Nitzavim, which is found in the book of Deuteronomy. It discusses Moses's final speech to the Israelites. He tells them they have been given the freedom to choose between good and evil and life and death. Their choice will determine whether they will enter into God's covenant. Moses implores the Israelites to choose life. It seems very appropriate to me to read this portion on the same day that I enter into God's Covenant as a Bat Mitzvah.

I would like to thank Morah Beth, Rabbi Mark, and my family. Morah Beth has taught me everything I need to know for today. I could not be more thankful for all of her help. Rabbi Mark has helped me with my Torah readings and has helped me with all the accommodations I need. Finally, I would like to thank my family for all of their continued love and support. I would like to give a special thanks to my mom, dad, and brother Eli. My mom helped me with all of my Bat Mitzvah prayers. She listened and supported me throughout. My dad knew when to push me and continued to make me laugh. My brother Eli offered fun and support. I still love him even when he gets on my nerves.



I am very honored and excited to become a Bat Mitzvah.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

JEFF APPEL

1. What is your background?

I was born into a Brooklyn family that made its way to East Meadow, NY in 1970. After Lisa and I got married in 1989, we lived in Kings Park, NY. We then made our way to Wayne after taking a job in NJ. When I visited our rabbi in Kings Park to tell him of the move, he had just received a listing of synagogues in northern NJ. I saw that Wayne had two synagogues, and was a bearable commute to my job in Teterboro. Having been a member of the conservative synagogues in East Meadow and Kings Park, Shomrei Torah was a very comfortable place and environment. Just before moving in 1995, my grandmother had passed and I started attending services at Shomrei Torah almost as soon as we settled in Wayne. The Minyan-a-ires at that time were among the first members I met. From Day 1, I felt the welcoming environment and knew Shomrei Torah was the place for my family and me.



2. Where did you go to school, and what did you study?

I attended Virginia Tech, earning a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering, followed by a Masters in Business Administration from Hofstra University.

3. What do you do professionally, and what are your interests?

I am a Program Director for BAE Systems in Wayne (superb commute) and have spent my career in engineering and managing product development and production for military ship and aircraft cockpit displays, air traffic control, communications and test systems.

Those who know me well know that in my spare time, what ever I am doing, I always have a sports game playing in the background, live or recorded, even curling or Australian football during these COVID plagued days. I'm interested especially in the Yankees, Jets, Islanders, Knicks or Arsenal. My father was a professional baseball pitcher and I was always involved in playing sports, whether it be baseball, basketball or tennis in my younger years or more recently ice hockey 2 -3 times per week. When my kids were younger, I coached most of their teams, which gave me time to connect with them during the most demanding period of my work life. The fact they all went to big sports universities kept me even busier adding the Michigan Wolverines, Arizona Wildcats and Michigan State Spartans to my never-ending list of teams and games on the DVR.

4. Tell us about your family.

Lisa and I have three children: Alyssa is an architect living in San Francisco, Andrew an engineer (taking after Dad) and Jared works in hospitality in New York.

5. Who influenced you the most in your life? Why?

My father was my greatest influence. He passed away in 1987, but throughout my childhood he was a life coach and an amazing teacher, which was his profession. During summers, he directed the Broad Channel Day Camp in Queens that was run by the Yeshiva of Flatbush. I had the opportunity to work for him one summer. He instilled in me that if it is worth doing, it is worth doing right. I saw that in action daily as he guided his staff and connected with the campers. At the end of the season, I was there as he was praised by the Yeshiva leaders for what was described as his 'consummate professionalism'. I learned that through hard work and dedication to doing things right, good outcomes are most likely.

6. Tell us about your participation in Shomrei Torah

I volunteered in many capacities on Men's Club and other synagogue activities for many years after joining in 1995. Rabbi Mark volunteered me to attend a Synagogue Leadership workshop that changed my involvement in the Shul, This immediately lead to my being co-Chair with Randy Reiser on the Strategic Planning Committee and on to the Executive Board and Board of Trustees. I now chair the Finance Committee with an amazing group that works hard with the Financial Officers and staff to make what we hope are sound plans and decisions to keep the lights on year after year.

7. What do you envision in the future for Shomrei Torah and what part could you play in those changes/improvements?

The future will be interesting as the demographics of the area and habits (to join or not to join?) change over time. We will need to identify and offer new or different programs to attract future members. I will continue to be involved in synagogue finance management to ensure a foundation is there to support these programs and changes.

8. Define what being Jewish means to you.

Being Jewish is all about connection. Connection to family and the past via our rituals, holidays and teachings that we give to our children and share with each other. Connection to the Shul as our center for Jewish living. Connection to each other as a community, including getting why things are funny in that very special Jewish way. Lisa and I have met some of our dearest friends through the YMYWHA and Shomrei Torah. What started as Nursery School classes became Hebrew School classes and amazing friendships for our children and us.

9. Include anything else about yourself that you would like to share with the congregation, perhaps something that will surprise them!

I was honored as Men's Club Co-Man of the Year, with Scott Podell, based on our inexplicable co-dependency on the New York Jets and the stadium-parking-lot-style tailgates we held at the synagogue.

10. The Surprise!

I took Lisa to our high school prom and we were born on the same day giving me no excuse to ever miss Lisa's birthday.

Shomrei Torah member and past president of the synagogue Dr. Rick Krieger contributed the following article to L'Chaim. He is an infectious disease specialist, Shomrei Torah's own version of Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Being asked to write about COVID 19 in a short article like this is certainly not as daunting a task as the one presented to the sage Hillel by the man who asked Hillel to teach him the entire Torah while the man stood on one foot. Nonetheless, one can scarcely turn on the TV news or open a newspaper without being inundated with information about this modern-day plague. Separating cold reality from flights of fantasy, fact from fabrication, and truth from speculation can be difficult for me as an Infectious Disease specialist, nearly impossible for anyone else.

I am amused, and sometimes frustrated, at how the internet, the various news outlets, and many of our government officials *from both parties* all think they have it all figured out who is at fault—the other guys. The fact is, finger pointing serves no purpose whatsoever in attempting to alleviate this crisis and only delays what could be a constructive, unified response against a common enemy. No one in our government can be held responsible for this crisis, as in the early days *no one*, not even the healthcare experts, were able to predict the severity with which this pandemic has stricken us.

While we now know much about the signs, symptoms, and complications of this potentially devastating infection, it must be remembered that in the early months of this year it was not well known how to make the diagnosis, nor was it known that a very large percentage of people infected with the virus develop a mild illness or no illness at all, yet they were still capable of spreading the infection to others who may not have been so fortunate to avoid symptomatic illness.

New Jersey was hit hard by the crisis relatively early compared to other states that are just now dealing with it. From late March until the beginning of May the hospitals in our area were scrambling on a daily basis to accommodate all the affected patients. By necessity, many sick people presenting to the emergency room were judged not ill enough to require hospitalization, and were discharged, hopefully to recover at home, though many ended up returning to the hospital days later when their condition worsened. Many of us saw the photographs of nearby hospitals that had to convert cafeterias to barracks-type wards reminiscent of the photos of the 1918 flu pandemic. In Chilton, during the early days of the outbreak, one by one the various nursing units were converted to designated COVID units, and steadily fewer beds were utilized to treat patients who had pre-pandemic illnesses like strokes, heart disease, or serious injuries. Specialty units like maternity and pediatrics were shut down, the patients sent to Morristown, and the spaces were repurposed for regular medical care. Elective surgeries were canceled and the Post Anesthesia Care Unit was used instead as a non-COVID ICU since the regular ICU had long since been filled to capacity by COVID patients. At the height of the crisis it was almost a curiosity to see someone admitted to the hospital with a non-COVID diagnosis, and many of those people subsequently were found to be infected with the Corona virus even though their reason for admission was completely unrelated to the pandemic.

Entering the room of a COVID positive patient entails gowning, gloving, donning a head-covering, and often wearing a double mask. Recognizing co-workers in the hospital became a near impossibility because except for differences in height, with the full personal protective equipment in place everyone looked the same. Many hospital workers took to wearing scrub suits to work, then upon returning home they would strip down in the garage and put their hospital garb in a plastic bag, or drop it straight into the wash so as not to risk bringing the virus into their house.

Because this process of donning personal protective equipment is so time consuming and depletes resources that were in ever shorter supply, during the days when we were overwhelmed with COVID patients, windows were installed in the doors of all the patient rooms so that patients could be observed from the hallway without the need to enter the rooms. Extra-long intravenous lines were used so that the tubing would reach from the patient's bed out into the hallway and medications could be administered from the hall.

Mercifully, the number of cases of COVID-19 has dropped dramatically in New Jersey in recent weeks and this is largely due to time-tested measures that have proven effective in past epidemics. I suspect you are as tired as I am of the term "social distancing" yet it is one that is well-applied. When we breathe, talk, sing, cough, or sneeze, or in my case blow the shofar, we produce droplets that are released into the air and are capable of spreading any respiratory infection we may harbor (but most of us know this already—we learned it when our mothers told us to cover our mouths when we sneeze). Once in the air, most of the droplets only travel a short distance, a few feet, until they settle harmlessly to the ground. Six feet is not as sacrosanct a number as ten days of repentance, ten adults for a minyan, seven weeks of counting the omer, or 40 years in the desert, but it is generally accepted that most droplets will not travel farther than that.

But what if a wayward droplet decides to go a marathon distance of eight or ten feet? Or, what if while on the check-out line in Stop'n Shop you pause to browse *People Magazine* and fail to notice the shopper behind you violated your six foot personal space? For these and similar problems we have masks, which are very effective *when used properly*. Wearing a mask correctly means covering the nose as well as the mouth. I was not aware that one needed special medical training to know that much of our breathing is done through the nose, but judging by the vast number of *Covidiot*s in Costco and Home Depot who obscenely expose their nostrils in public, it would appear that some people were asleep during that lesson in kindergarten. Worse still, a mask worn scarf-like below the chin does not serve as a talisman to ward off evil virus spirits.

When worn right, a mask can prevent an infected person from expelling droplets laden with the virus, so I hope that the people who expose their noses and mouths in public know unequivocally that they are not infected. But if you come in close contact with an infected person, will a mask protect you from contracting the virus? The answer is a little tricky. Most of the droplets an infected person expels will fall out of the air within a few feet. But some will evaporate before falling. When this occurs, the tiny virus particles that the droplets may carry will remain suspended in the air for a prolonged period of time, and can travel much longer distances. Standard surgical or cloth masks are effective in blocking droplets, but are not capable of blocking the much tinier free viral particles. Further confounding the uncertainty in this situation is that it is not well known whether these freely floating viral particles are still capable of spreading the infection or if the drying renders most of them inactive and harmless.

To ensure against these tiniest particles, one would need at least an N-95 mask, which filters out much smaller particles from the air than does a standard surgical mask. Ideally, if we all wore N-95 masks properly all the time, we would have very little chance of contracting the infection, but we would also all suffer from severe shortness of breath even if we were not ill. Breathing while wearing an N-95 mask requires extra effort, and anyone who has had one on for a prolonged period of time knows how difficult breathing can become even for a person whose lungs are in excellent condition. To get an idea of how it feels, in case you never wore an N-95, clench your fist as if you were grabbing a rope and put the small opening made by your thumb and index finger against your mouth; now try inhaling and exhaling. Takes some effort, does it not?

In reality, N-95 masks are in short supply and reserved mostly for health-care settings. But, if everyone did wear a standard mask or face covering, that too would be an effective means of prevention because even patients who are highly contagious with COVID-19 do not exhale naked viral particles, so a standard mask is sufficient to contain the infected droplets they exhale. Routinely, in the hospital, if COVID positive patients need to be transported in the hall, they are moved quite safely with just a standard mask (not an N-95) in place.

One further means of spread is by touch. The virus does not appear to be transmissible through skin or by ingesting it, but, as is the case with most respiratory viruses, Corona virus can be directly inoculated into mucous membranes, the moist surfaces particularly of the eyes and nose. Therefore, if one were to have direct contact with an infected individual, e.g. by shaking hands or sharing a contaminated implement such as a pen or cell phone, he/she may acquire the virus on the fingers, and then a simple rubbing of the eye or scratching the nose may implant the virus and cause infection. Fortunately, SARS CoV-2, the causative agent of COVID-19, is easily destroyed by usual methods of hygiene: soap and water, alcohol wipes, hand sanitizer, and detergent. So any time one suspects hand contact with the infection, before touching his face he should touch soap and water or hand sanitizer, and as most everyone knows by now, this year it is a bad practice to wish anyone Shabbat Shalom or L'shana Tova with a kiss or a handshake. Fortunately, as advanced a program as Zoom may be, it does not provide any platform for handshaking or kissing.

Zoom and other online conferencing programs are not just being used innovatively for religious services or business. Medical practices are making use of this technology as well, as many of you know who have had virtual, telemedicine visits with the doctor in recent months. It is obvious that telemedicine cannot completely replace an in-person visit to your physician's office (though many might applaud this change of venue as a means to avoid certain notoriously unpleasant portions of the exam) yet there is much that can be accomplished even through a computer screen. During the height of the pandemic crisis in New Jersey, many of the physicians were even making regular hospital visits online.

How will this all end? That is to some degree a matter of conjecture, but most of the medical and scientific community believe that an effective vaccine would be the most expedient solution. The problems in developing a vaccine, however, are many. It generally involves identifying the component(s) of the virus, known as antigens, that stimulate our immune system to develop protective antibodies, specific proteins produced in response to an infectious agent that attack and neutralize that agent. Once the appropriate antigen can be isolated it has to be produced in large enough quantity to be packaged into millions of doses, it has to be tested for safety, and finally has to be administered to test subjects who need to be observed for a prolonged period of time, at least months, first to be certain that the vaccine is truly safe and effective, then to see if the antibody response it stimulates is sustained long enough to be protective. But even with these difficulties, prospects for vaccine development are encouraging, and given past experience, that we have eradicated small pox, nearly eliminated polio, vastly curtailed the spread of measles, mumps, rubella, and chicken pox, and these accomplishments were made without benefit of the technologies now available to medical science, we have good reason to be optimistic. Until then, continue to social distance, wear masks, wash your hands, and may you be inscribed for a *safe* year.



Operation Isaiah

A Hands-On Experience of
Tzedekah and Gemillut Hasadim for
you and your Community!

Wayne Interfaith Network

Operation Isaiah 5781

This is a year which is like no other.

Regardless, the needs of the community continues to grow. We also know that if there is a dramatic resurgence of COVID-19 or a serious flu outbreak in the fall, people will start sweeping products from the supermarket shelves. As you read this it may already have begun due to the major uptick in hospitalizations in numerous states in the U.S. This could potentially devastate our ability to replenish the WIN Pantry with essential items as quickly as we might need them.

Operation Isaiah is asking our congregants to begin purchasing paper products, cleaning products and personal care products **NOW**, even though the Pantry is not yet fully operational. You may begin dropping the products off at the synagogue during regular office hours (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 AM - 3 PM). Please call the office ahead of time to make sure someone will be there. Mask requirements and social distancing must be observed. The items will be sorted, packed and delivered to the WIN Annex on a regular basis.

Stage 1:

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Paper Napkins
Cleaning Products
(including anti-bacterial items)
Laundry Detergent
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Shampoo & Conditioner
Hand & Bath Soap

We are not collecting food, checks, cash or gift cards at this time.

We will, but not in the first stage of Operation Isaiah.



Please note: All loose items should be in bags (paper with handles/or paper in plastic). Multiple items that come pre-wrapped (ex. toilet paper) or in cardboard cases (ex. toothpaste) can be brought as is.

WAYNE INTERFAITH NETWORK — UPDATE

Behind the scenes WIN has been very busy during this very trying time. This is written in mid August. The world is still confusing and hunger continues.

Nevertheless, many *mitzvot* keep the world moving forward in seriously good ways. As supporters of W.I.N., Shomrei Torah congregants are helping to repair our small corner of the world through their donations and concern. Individuals are responding to Operation Isaiah's specific calls for certain paper products, cleaning products and personal care products in Phase One of the program. Please keep reading the occasional e-mails from O.I. Chair Sarah Blecherman. If you have not already done so, please purchase your fair share of the requested products and drop them off at the synagogue as soon as possible. Thank you.

W.I.N. clients still have access to the food which is distributed by the Wayne Y, while W.I.N. continues to supply our clients with supermarket gift cards.

The especially good news is that the Pantry is scheduled to re-open the first week in September. There will be numerous restrictions to protect volunteers and clients, but this will work well for the launch of Operation Isaiah's Phase Two (to be announced). Keep paying attention to those e-mails!

As we head into September, the Pantry has 159 client families. Because of the impact of COVID-19 on the opening (or not) of schools, this year's Back-to-School program has been curtailed, although we are working with the school nurses to make sure that backpacks and other items will be available to our clients as needed.

It is likely that our Thanksgiving Baskets will be completely revamped in order to accommodate this year's realities. It's still early to know what life will be like by then, so, whatever W.I.N. calls upon us to do, we hope you will respond generously.

September 1 is also the start of the month of Elul. It is a time for self-reflection in preparation for the High Holidays. As we consider our errors, our self-absorption, our thoughtlessness during 5780, please also know that we, the "congregational we", have also shown great goodness, generosity and kindness. Thank you Shomrei Torah!!!! May we all be blessed with good health, prosperity, and happiness in 5781.

Stay safe. Continue to wash your hands!

Betty Singer,
Shomrei Torah Representative to the Wayne Interfaith Network

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

1st

Jeffrey Appel
Lisa Appel
Laurie Green
Eitan Betito

2nd

Sy Rothenberg

4th

Leslie Fischgrund

6th

Tamara Millstein

7th

Robert Brazer
Monique Wasserstrum

10th

Jake Goldberg
Greg Lawner

12th

Dorit Kressel
Andy Simon
Marisa Smith
Fern Taylor

13th

Carol Willner

14th

Gary Gilgur

15th

Gerda Weltman
Lorry Gilgur

16th

Stephanie Whitman
Jeffrey Greenwald

18th

Gary Lesser
Lee Goldberg

19th

Michelle Esgar
Cheryl Shechtman

21st

Gail Kwiat
Emily Maines
Jonathan Hesney
Ilena Zudkevitch

22nd

Larry Levine
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