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"COME AS YOU ARE"

Recently, in a Facebook post about Kurt Cobain's childhood home being listed on the Washington Heritage Register, Rabbi Seth noted that TBH and Nirvana share the same philosophy.... "Come as you are". It reminded me of when we were discussing the issue of marriage equality in Washington State some years ago and Rabbi Seth, at a High Holiday sermon stated very strongly, "if you do not support marriage equality I will show you the door". I remember bracing myself for someone walking out but no one did, and I remember slowly breathing out a sigh of relief. But I also remember thinking how brave it was for him to say that to the entire congregation. This week a state legislator was complimenting Rabbi Seth and noting how she appreciated how spiritual he is...and funny. She gave him compliment after compliment. We both noted that it would be great if all spiritual leaders were like our Rabbi. In fact, I'm pretty sure that if the Olympic Committee gave out medals for Rabbis, ours would easily take gold.

During the pandemic, the Rabbi, working together with Kayla and Catherine, functioned at such a high level that our Vice President, Leslie Goldstein, noted that the TBH board no longer needs to be a managing board, but we have really become a policy board. That doesn't mean subcommittees like the Personnel board will cease, but it does mean that we should feel comfortable

turning over more routine decisions to our Rabbi and TBH Community Engagement Coordinator. No one should ever feel micro managed. And certainly we have seen that even in the most difficult times our staff rose to the occasion. Now, with the ever growing congregation, we will continue to need more staff assistance for TBH administration. Hopefully, some day in the future we will have the budget to hire a position that can provide more clerical and day to day assistance to our current staff.

So, based on the theme of "Come as you are"... this is your reminder to renew your membership(!) and stay with us at Temple Beth Hatfiloh(!) as we continue to grow, evolve and do great things for our community. And because we have the best Rabbi...!

Now, High Holidays. As I write this column Rabbi Seth is developing a plan for High Holidays. With the Delta variant all plans have become a moving target. I am watching all congregations across the United States, plan, unplan, change their plans.... It is a tough time. See more on the following pages for information about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Please renew your membership! And I look forward to seeing you in person or on Zoom at the beginning of September!



HIGH HOLIDAYS

5782



My friends,

We have turned the calendar to another month on our Jewish calendar—the month of Elul. The last month of the year, this is the time when we begin to turn our hearts and minds to the new year and the spiritual work of self-reflection that is required of us. And yet, while normally we would be able to settle in and anticipate and welcome the New Year, once again we are facing a pandemic that will force us to do things differently.

We did not hope to, nor plan to, be in this place again. As we celebrated 5781 last year through our computer screens, I, like many of you, looked forward to when we would gather in person to welcome in 5782, returning to a sense of normalcy after a troubling pandemic.

Sadly, we are not there yet. While vaccines are widely distributed, the Delta variant has continued to cause trouble and spread of the virus. We continue to mask and distance. The hope that we felt at the beginning of the summer continues to fade the way the days get shorter and shorter.

However, as we learned last year, we are still able to forge a sense of community, meaning, celebration, reflection, and connectedness regardless of medium. Different ways of doing things provides for more inclusivity and accessibility. Once again, we are called upon to modify how we might expect to observe these sacred days, and I trust that together we will meet the moment.

In deciding how as a community we will observe the holidays, we continue to be governed by the Jewish value of *pikuach nefesh*, of saving lives and protecting health of ourselves and our community. I have come to appreciate over this past year and a half that *pikuach nefesh* can and should be understood in an expansive sense: we must not only care for physical

health, but mental and emotional health as well.

In formulating a plan, we also have some new tools at our disposal. The earlier dates of the holidays mean the weather may be more favorable. And we now own the adjacent property, giving us a much larger footprint and outdoor space. The following plan, spelled out in more detail on the schedule, seeks to balance competing needs and provide a spectrum of opportunity. Note too that everything is subject to change, even last minute, and we will continually keep you informed.

- Erev Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre), and Neilah (end of Yom Kippur) services will be held in-person, outdoors in our parking lot as well as livestreamed. In person attendance is open to those vaccinated and unvaccinated, and masking and distancing (between pods) is required of all attendees.
- Rosh Hashanah Day and Yom Kippur Day services will be held on Zoom exclusively.
- Tashlikh will be held as we have in the past: meeting at the Temple to walk down to the Port Plaza. Alternatively, people can meet us at Port Plaza. Open to those vaccinated and unvaccinated, and masking is required. Tashlikh will also be livestreamed.
- Yizkor will be held in person outdoors at the TBH cemetery. In person attendance is open to those vaccinated and unvaccinated, and masking and distancing (between pods) is required of all attendees. Yizkor will also be livestreamed.
- Youth programs will be held in person in the TBH courtyard and lower classrooms concurrently with the morning services. Parents who accompany their children can participate in youth programs or watch a livestream of the service in the Social Hall.
- Tot High Holidays will be held outdoors in the courtyard prior to Tashlikh.
- (Note: we are working with a private security firm to provide security for outdoor services. I know too

that not everyone will be comfortable with this plan. We plan to make everything available to everybody, and I invite you to do what you are comfortable with. There are many ways to observe these sacred days, and you should do so in a way that feels good and meaningful to you.)

I will admit that last year I felt a sense of fun and excitement around the High Holidays. While I missed being in person, we came up with some new and engaging and creative responses: videos, shofar from the boat, Yizkor at the cemetery. This year feels more challenging because of all the uncertainty, disappointment, and renewed anxiety and fear. Even the plan above is not fully certain.

And then I remember that a congregation is not a building, the new year comes no matter how we mark it. We all recognize the challenge of the times, and by doing so, provide support for one another.

I hope you stay safe, that you get vaccinated if eligible, and that you have a sweet and meaningful High Holiday experience. May we all be blessed with a happy—and healthy—5782.

Shana Tova,



Rabbi Seth Goldstein

5782 HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

SELICHOT | Saturday, August 28

Study & Service 8:00 pm Online

EREV ROSH HASHANAH | Monday, September 6

Outdoor Service 7:00 pm TBH Parking Lot
Hybrid

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 | Tuesday, September 7

Morning Service 10:00 am Online
Youth Program 10:00 am TBH Courtyard
Tot High Holidays 3:00 pm TBH Courtyard
Tashlich 4:00 pm Meet at TBH &
walk to Port Plaza

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 | Wednesday, Sept. 8

Hike 10:00 am Priest Point
Park Shelter #4
Lunch & Text Study 12:00 pm Priest Point
Park Shelter #4

SHABBAT SHUVAH | Friday, September 10

Erev Shabbat/
Healing Service 7:30 pm Online

FOOD DRIVE DROP OFF | Sunday, September 12

Drop off Mitzvah 10:00 am - TBH Courtyard
Morning Food 12:00 pm
Drive Items

EREV YOM KIPPUR | Wednesday, September 15

Outdoor Service/
Kol Nidre 6:30 pm TBH Parking Lot
Hybrid

YOM KIPPUR | Thursday, September 16

Morning Service 10:00 am Online
Youth Program 10:00 am TBH Courtyard
Yizkor Service 1:30 pm TBH Cemetery
Hybrid

Mincha Service 4:00 pm Online
Neilah/Havdalah 7:00 pm TBH Parking Lot
Hybrid

MITZVAH MORNING | Sunday, September 19

Havdalah 9:30 am TBH Courtyard
Projects begin 10:00 am Off-site

Read more about Mitzvah Morning on page 8

AUGUST EVENTS

Senior Schmooze

Tuesday, August 3, 12:00 pm

We will gather in the social hall for the second in-person Senior Schmooze of the Summer. Vaccinations are required, please be prepared to show proof upon request. No masking or distancing required. Zoom available as well.



Tot Shabbat in the Park

Saturday, August 7, 10:00 am



All children ages 0-6 and their families are invited

to join us for our summer Tot Shabbat outdoors at Priest Point Park.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 17, 5:45 pm

Due to scheduling conflicts, our August meeting schedule has changed. All TBH members are welcome to attend the monthly board meeting on Zoom.

[Join Zoom>>](#)

Green Team

Tuesday, August 17, 6:00 pm

Our next Green Team meeting will take place by Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Contact tbh@bethhatfiloh.org with any questions or information.

[Join Zoom>>](#)

Temple Cleaning Day: 2

Sunday, August 22, 10-12

We made great progress at our July cleaning party. We gather again to finish some of the indoor tasks that we were unable to finish, and turn our attention to the exterior of the



Temple Cleaning Day: cont.

building. All vaccinated individuals are invited to swing by for an hour or two on Sunday morning to help with the odd jobs that have stacked up during the pandemic. We have spent so long sharing in virtual community, its time to show our physical space some communal love as we prepare for the High Holidays. Morning refreshments provided!

Advancing In Hebrew

Tuesday, August 24, 7:00 pm

This seminar-type gathering will work on advancing Hebrew knowledge, including grammar and roots.

[Join Zoom>>](#)

Talmud Study

Saturday, August 28, 10:00 am

All vaccinated individuals are welcome to attend in-person in the TBH social hall, with masking optional. Those who cannot attend in person are welcome to join on Zoom!

[Join Zoom>>](#)

Selichot

Saturday, August 28, 8:00 pm

Study and service to start off the 5782 High Holidays.

[Join Zoom>>](#)

Groundwork Party

Sunday, August 29, 10:00 pm

Many hands make light work--come for all or part of the morning. Email Catherine at beitsefer@bethhatfiloh.org for questions.

[Please check the weekly for updates.](#)

Additional information regarding the 5782 High Holidays, including the High Holiday webpage will go live ASAP!

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GET INVOLVED!

Virtual Blessing of the Children:

Send us a photo of your children and we will include it in our slide show! (Photos will not be identified) Send photos to tbh@bethhatfiloh.org

Did you welcome in new life into your family?

It is the custom of TBH to honor those who welcomed new life into their families as parents, grandparents, etc. with the reading of the Rosh Hashana haftarah in English (story of Hannah). If this is you and you would like to participate, please contact rabbi@bethhatfiloh.org. We will find a mutually agreeable time to create a recording that will then be shown as part of services.

Volunteer Opportunities:

There are lots of odd tasks that help make the High Holidays happen, and we need your help! Some volunteer jobs are:

- Honey muffin baking
- Gift bag assembly
- Gift bag delivery
- Outdoor service set-up
- Outdoor service breakdown
- Outdoor service bathroom attendants
- A/V and Zoom support (volunteer and paid positions available)

Email Kayla at tbh@bethhatfiloh.org to volunteer!

Erev Shabbat Services

1st FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

7:30 pm Outdoor Shabbat Service:
HYBRID

2nd FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

6:00 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

[Join Zoom>>](#)

3rd FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

6:00 pm Outdoor Shabbat Service:
HYBRID

[Join Zoom>>](#)

4th FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 pm Zoom Shabbat Service

[Join Zoom>>](#)

Shabbat Day Services

1st SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 am Tot Shabbat
See more on page 4

4:00 pm Bar Mitzvah
See more below

2nd SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

10:00 am Torah Study

[Join Zoom>>](#)

3rd SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

10:00 am Mussar
more information below

[Join Zoom>>](#)

4th SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

10:00 am Talmud Study: HYBRID
See more on page 4

[Join Zoom>>](#)

Bar Mitzvah: Rhone Orman Saturday, August 7, 4:00 pm



Rhone Emerson Orman, son of Marnie Frisch and Spencer Orman, was called as a Bar Mitzvah on August 7.

This fall Rhone is going into 7th grade at Jefferson Middle School and is part of the JAMS program. He also plays trumpet in school band. Outside of school Rhone enjoys playing soccer for the Blackhill's Football Club, reading, being with his friends and playing online games with them and playing with the family dog. His favorite musical group is the Beatles.

He also recently finished up the Leadership in Training (LIT) program with the Olympia Parks and Recreation Department to volunteer at City summer camps.

MUSSAR

Saturday, August 21
10:00 am

We will study Deuteronomy - 21:10 – 25:19, *Ki Teitzei*.
The middot/soul traits for this parashah are Tzedek/Rachamim—Justice/Mercy: A Conflict of Values.

Please plan on joining Michele & Richard Jackman on zoom for an intriguing Mussar discussion of this Torah portion and a deep dive into, “Justice, justice shall you pursue.”

Please join us.

FROM CATHERINE CARMEL: JEWISH FAMILY LIFE AND LEARNING



Shalom y'all,

I write this on the heels of doing the annual Interfaith Works summer day camp, Faith Explorations. After a week of living six hours a day with a dozen masked elementary

students I am both acutely aware of how different the world is from the last camp two years ago and how excited I am about the programs coming up. With Rosh Hashana next month, our new Family Life and Learning programs will begin. We will have a combination of programs for Shabbat and holidays, play groups, book groups, Hebrew learning, a teen program and all kinds of Jewishly themed special learning programs.

As they say though, it takes a village, or at least a community. I need your help to make this work. Right now I am looking for people that are interested in helping in some small, or not so small, way. Below is a list of volunteer and paid job opportunities. Please contact me (Catherine beitsefer@bethhatfiloh.org) for more details if you are interested.

Teen/tween group leader – this person will meet with our teens and/or tweens about once a month through the school year. This program includes prepared curriculum with activities teaching leadership, empathy, Jewish wisdom, wellness, food and culture.

Senior facilitator – this person will help connect some of our groups to seniors in our community as a way of breaking down age barriers, connecting generations and facilitating both learning and community connections. This would require an average of one meeting per month.

Hebrew Through Movement leader – this person will teach spoken Hebrew in an active, movement oriented

format. This group will meet weekly and has written curriculum.

Hebrew learning leader – this person will facilitate Hebrew learning in small groups of children at comparable levels. There will be both beginner and intermediate levels that will meet weekly. Materials will be provided.

Shabbat learning leader – this can be a one time or a once a month opportunity. During our learning Shabbat services we have two people who provide learning and discussion opportunities for participants.

Holiday activity leaders – Chanukah, Pesach, Havdallah – whatever Jewish experience you are interested in sharing with the kids – we can create a learning experience around. Try it once or commit to several holidays, your choice! Talk to me about your thoughts and jump in here.

Book club leader – Our PJ Our Way kids (ages 9-12) need a group leader to meet and discuss their books. Could you be the one to meet with them monthly?

Artists, musicians, crafters, story tellers, bakers and authors – if you have a skill you can share with the kids, let's find a way to do it! We can discuss how and when it fits into our Jewish calendar.

Today rabah in advance for all of you who are willing to help! Together we can support families raising Jewish children in our community.

L'shalom,



Immigrant & Refugee Task Force

The TBH Immigrant and Refugee task force continues to look at how to best support national and local efforts to help immigrants and refugees.

On the national scene - things keep changing. The good news is that Attorney General Garland overturned another ruling that had limited domestic violence survivors from seeking asylum. There are still many challenges ahead, including a federal judge's ruling that limits new DACA applications, and the continued use of pandemic restrictions (through Title 42) to send adults and families back to Mexico without having a chance to have their asylum cases heard in the U.S.

Immigration issues are complex, but we continue to be guided by the Jewish principle of Welcoming the Stranger. We know that for many refugees, "Do not come" is simply not an option.

The TBH Task Force is exploring ways to help refugees locally, keeping in mind our continued commitment to our wonderful guest family. Several Task Force members attended a HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, hias.org) webinar: "Welcome in Action: How U.S. Congregations Can Support Refugees". Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg (the wife of our Rabbi Seth) and Congregation Kol Ami's current support of a young man released from the Northwest Detention Center is another example of wonderful action on the local level. More info can be found at their website: kolaminw.org. We are in contact with the Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice NW as we explore options for advocacy and action.

"The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love them as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:34).

August Birthdays Yom Huledet Sameach

3	Sophina Matthews	17	Leslie Shore
3	Lynne Stockwell	17	Julianne Gale
4	John Mollan	18	Anjali Silva
5	Esther Warkov	18	Gary Schneider
5	Norma Shelan	20	Nancy Snyder
5	Jessi Goodman	20	Eleanor Kinn
6	Reina Goodman	21	Allen Roth
7	Jean Mandeberg	22	Joel Sacks
9	Stephen P. Bylsma	23	Linda Rubin
10	Brad Smith	27	John Browning
10	Scott Royer	29	Marielle Orman
10	Richard Jackman	31	Joshua Reynolds

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Helen Gavzer

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AUGUST YAHRZEITS

3	Edward Ferber	20	Jay Goldstein
3	Victoria Cohen	20	Colleen A.
4	William (Bill) Jolly		Schumann Lum
5	Albert Shecter	21	Max Esfeld
6	Alan Wallace	21	Gaylah Balter
7	Lawrence J Bornstein	22	Ethel Kalikow
10	Shirley Goldberg	22	Judy Kalikow
	Albert		Mesch
12	Mitchell L Cohen	23	Eva Carr
13	James Davis	23	Roy Greene
13	Constance Shapiro	24	Mary Wood
14	Mannie Paroff		Chappell
14	Dorothy Bamberger	25	Arnold Goldstein
14	Jerome Parker	26	Donald Stedman
15	Ann Ostrer	26	Kenneth W. Strange
16	Sam Shapiro	27	Nate Cooper
17	Marianne Neff	29	Edna Shecter
19	Ingeborg Carola Asher	29	Ben Rome
	Pepper	30	Norma Godwin
19	Doris Gershuny	30	Sydney Rubin
19	Carol Shivel	30	Claire Paroff

*These names will be read from the bimah at Shabbat services before and after the yahrzeit. **Bold type** denotes those inscribed on a plaque on our Memorial Wall. **Please send any corrections and additions to the Yahrzeit listings to tbh@bethhatfiloh.org!***

Mitzvah Morning: September 19

The high holidays are coming up soon and with them, Mitzvah Morning. TBH's annual day of service is on September 19 this year. We are still figuring out some details as we assess the ever-changing COVID situation. Here is what is planned so far.

- Gardening at GRuB, with Heather Rudich, TBH Member and GRuB farm manager. Get outside and get a little dirty. GRuB provides food to the Thurston County Food Bank and other community channels.
- Transport food from TBH to the Thurston County Food Bank Warehouse in your vehicle and sort foot at the Warehouse. We are also looking for a few volunteers to pick up from homes of donors.
- Reverse Tashlich – Repair the Sea. Every year we throw our sins into the sea. Join the TBH Green Team and environmentally conscious Jewish communities around the world in reversing the tradition of Tashlich. We will remove human 'sins' (marine debris) from the water in a collaborative waterfront cleanup.

Mitzvah Morning Schedule

- 9:00 – 10 AM Food Drop Off
- 9:30 Havdalah
- 10:00 Projects Begin

All projects are great for all ages. Small children should be accompanied by an adult. See you on Mitzvah Morning. Questions? Contact Marilyn Gisser, gissermarilyn@gmail.com.

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