

# *The Builders' Bulletin*

Congregation Habonim's Monthly Bulletin—Your Community Guide!



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# Upcoming Events:

## **Taste of Torah: Rosh Hashanah**

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

## **Tot Shabbat**

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

## **Slichot**

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:10pm

## **Sisterhood Kick-Off Luncheon**

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

**See page 5 for our High Holy Day Service Schedule (or view the detailed schedule [online!](#))**

## **Taste of Torah: Sukkot**

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

## **Torah Tots**

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am

## **Community Sukkah Dinner**

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm  
*On the JCC rooftop*

### ***Find Out More***

For up-to-date information on all our upcoming events, visit  
[www.habonim.net](http://www.habonim.net)

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## ***Renew Your Membership or Join Today!***

Congregation Habonim relies on the support of our members to continue *l'dor v'dor* - from generation to generation. Some of the incredible benefits you get with your membership include:

- Pastoral Care
- High Holy Day Tickets *included with membership* plus deep discounts when purchasing extra tickets for friends and family
- Yahrtzeit notifications and the listing and reading of your household's birthdays, anniversaries, and yahrzeits in our weekly and monthly publications and at Shabbat services
- Discounted prices for Habonim events
- Members-only events
- Discounted prices for Toddler Time and Early Explorers
- And so much more!

If you haven't already, [renew your membership](#) or [join as a new member](#) today to help Habonim continue to thrive!

If you have questions or need help with your membership, contact Michelle at [office@habonim.net](mailto:office@habonim.net)





Dear Friends,

What does it mean to you to be a member of a synagogue like Habonim?

For me, someone who started in Habonim's Religious School many years ago and never left, membership means so many things –

### **Doing**

- Engaging in ongoing learning, baking hamantaschen, cleaning up the neighborhood, participating in book clubs, wine tastings and scavenger hunts, and attending auction and casino night parties
- Attending services to celebrate Shabbat and holidays
- Serving on the Board and committees
- Calling people who have lost a loved one to convey the community's sympathy and support

### **Donating**

- Helping to sustain Habonim with my contributions, as I have been able

### **Enjoying the Benefits of Doing and Donating**

- Making and keeping good friends throughout my life
- Experiencing spiritual and communal connection at services, educational programs, and social gatherings
- Sharing simchas like our son's Bar Mitzvah and my mother's 100th birthday together with my community
- Drawing comfort from my friends and providing it to them, amid life's inevitable

times of sadness

- Knowing that I am doing what I can to continue the mission of Habonim's founders – building Jewish community together and passing on a connection to Judaism, l'dor v'dor, from one generation to the next

I didn't fully understand when I was a child that Habonim was my extended family, I only realized it later. I shared this gift with my husband and our son, and you can do the same.

Show yourself, your family, and your community what being a Habonim member means to you by supporting us – be present, be active, and help provide us with the means to be the Jewish home we all need.

Many of you make time in your busy lives to volunteer in all the ways it takes to have a thriving synagogue, and for that I am deeply grateful to each and every one of you. We would not – could not – be who we are without you.

But as you know, it takes funding as well as work to sustain any organization. I hope you will make [your High Holy Day Appeal contribution here](#) in an amount that feels meaningful and doable for you.

Brian, Alex and I wish you and your loved ones a sweet, kind and healthy 5784, a year in which we can all continue to grow, share, and love.

Susan





# High Holy Days 5784

**TRADITIONAL HABONIM SERVICE (Ethical Culture, 2 West 64<sup>th</sup> St, and livestream):** Led by

Rabbi Lisa Gelber and Cantorial Soloist Jessica Futran

**TORAH TOTS (Ethical Culture):** for children up to age 5 (with parents or caregivers)

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION (Ethical Culture):** Two service options for grades K-3 and 3-6.

**CLASSIC HABONIM SERVICE (Zoom only):** Led by Cantor Emeritus Bruce Halev and Rabbi Mark Somerstein, featuring the German Liberal liturgy

## S'lichot - Saturday, Sep. 9

7:00pm: Seudah Shlishit (Oneg Shabbat)

7:50pm: Havdalah

8:10pm: Slichot service

## Erev Rosh Hashanah -

### Friday, Sept. 15

6:00pm: Traditional Evening Service

## Rosh Hashanah Day 1 -

### Saturday, Sep. 16

9:00am: Traditional Morning Service

10:00am - 10:35am: Torah Tots

10:50am - 12:15pm: Junior Congregation

7:20pm: Traditional Evening Service  
(Zoom only)

10:00am: Classic Service Shaharit

## Rosh Hashanah Day 2 -

### Sunday, Sep. 17

9:00am: Traditional Morning Service

10:00am-10:35am: Torah Tots

10:50am-12:15pm: Junior Congregation

**Tashlich** immediately follows Traditional Services at Ethical Culture

3:45pm: **Tashlich Together** (gather at the 66<sup>th</sup> St Plaza on Riverside Blvd)

## Shofar on the Streets -

### Sunday, Sep. 17 at 5:00pm

Shofar on the Steps at two locations:

Steps of Lincoln Center

Corner of Broadway and 68th Street

## Erev Yom Kippur - Sunday, Sep. 24

6:15pm: Traditional Service Kol Nidre

6:45pm: Classic Service Kol Nidre

## Yom Kippur - Monday, Sep. 25

9:00am: Traditional Morning Service

10:00am - 10:35am: Torah Tots

10:50am - 12:15pm: Junior Congregation

15 minutes after morning service: Yom Kippur Meditation on the bimah

4:30pm: Traditional Service Minhah

5:45pm: Traditional Service Neilah

7:29pm: Traditional Service Final Shofar

4:30pm Classic Service Learning, Schmoozing and a Sermon

5:30pm Classic Service Yizkor

6:00pm Classic Service Neilah

6:45pm Classic Service Final Shofar

For a more detailed schedule, visit [habonim.net/hhd-5784.html](http://habonim.net/hhd-5784.html)

# *Rabbi Gelber's Monthly Message*

August 18, 2023/1 Elul 5783

Dear Friends,

With the arrival of Elul, we turn to the practice of t'shuvah, turning within to examine and connect with our truest selves. Rav Joseph Soloveitchik sees t'shuvah as a process of self-creation, the responsibility of fashioning a new self to accompany the new year. Rav Abraham Isaac Kook, the first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, envisions t'shuva as a rediscovery and re-embracing of the true and whole self.

Whether you engage in self-reflection to transform your behaviors and intentions, and pave the way towards a new future, or immerse yourself in self-discovery to reveal and reclaim the self you are at your core, t'shuvah invites us to acknowledge where we've been wrong and how we've missed the mark. At the conclusion of Yom Kippur, when we've made havdalah and heard the blast of the shofar, we'll sing l'shanah haba'ah b'y'rushalayim hab'nuyah/next year in a rebuilt Jerusalem. We acknowledge things could be better. We

demonstrate hope through doing. T'shuvah prepares us to improve the world by understanding and reclaiming the ways in which we can change.

This year, in preparation for the holy days, I invite you to set aside a few minutes each day to mark down - either on paper, a computer screen, or voice memo - the actions and inclinations that block your path to being who you are meant to be. One or two items a day. More if you're so inclined. Maybe there's only one thing. This process of gentle examination and honest assessment can pave the way to releasing ourselves from patterns that bind us solely to a past that might not reflect and honor the best we can be. May this month of Elul and the work of t'shuvah bring us closer to the sh'khinah and may gd's light illuminate our path.

Hodesh tov and Shabbat Shalom,  
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*Submit the Names of Departed  
Loved Ones to the 5784*

# Memorial Book



Each year on Yom Kippur, we have an opportunity to remember and acknowledge our deceased loved ones. To aid in this important opportunity, Congregation Habonim puts together a Memorial Book that is used during the *Yizkor* Service on Yom Kippur. Including the names of deceased loved ones in our *Yizkor* Memorial Book is a meaningful tribute to them and a tangible reflection of their impact on our lives.

May the memory of our loved ones always be a blessing.

**[Click Here to Submit Names](https://www.habonim.net/form/memorial-book-5784.html)**

**Or visit:**

**<https://www.habonim.net/form/memorial-book-5784.html>**





We have programs for children from PreK—12th grade!

Learn more and register here:

<https://www.habonim.net/religious-school-admissions.html>



Nursery School registration is open for the  
2023-24 academic year!

Learn more and register here:

<https://www.habonim.net/Early-Childhood>

## ***Education Director Search***

With the long-term religious education and related programming for our children a top priority at Habonim, we will soon be undertaking a search for a new permanent Education Director. We invite you to join in that search and help fill this critical role! We would love your feedback and participation - if you have ideas or would like to join this committee, please contact Lindsey Gal, who is spearheading the effort, or Susan Grant at: **office@habonim.net** or **president@habonim.net**.

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## ***Nursery School Message***

Our classrooms will soon be full of life with children playing cooperatively and engaging in creative activities. Our teachers are enjoying preparing to get to know the unique and special qualities of each and every child. It is exciting for all of our staff to share these new beginnings with our young children and add a sweetness and delight to the New Year.

Our Early Explorers and Toddler Programs will begin in October. Our youngest groups will be actively engaged in exploring and learning. Our caring, creative and knowledgeable teachers are thrilled to be guiding this program. These are fun-filled age appropriate programs that promote learning. We are excited about the wonderful times ahead, as we encourage our children to become engaged learners and help strengthen their lifelong learning skills.

Most Warmly,

Tina Lobel

Nursery School Director

# ***Thank you for your support!***

*from the Habonim Board of Trustees & Office Staff*

In the following pages, we would like to acknowledge and thank our generous donors from August 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>. *Todah rabah*—thank you—for keeping Habonim alive and thriving from generation to generation!

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**[office@habonim.net](mailto:office@habonim.net)**





**September 2**

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## **Plaques**

Purchase a memorial plaque in memory of a loved one to be displayed outside the Sanctuary.

## **Tree of Life Leaves**

Commemorate special occasions or honor someone special with a leaf displayed on our entrance wall!

## **Cemetery Plots**

Plots are available at Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, NJ. Contact the office for more information.

## **Facilities Rental**

Host your party or special celebration at Habonim! We also rent our space to weekly or monthly programs when available.

## **Kiddush Sponsorships**

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat for any occasion - to honor a loved one's yahrzeit, to celebrate a birthday, or just because!

## **Prayer Book Dedications**

Book plate dedications are perfect for any occasion.

Make your donation or payment online at [www.habonim.net/support.html](http://www.habonim.net/support.html)

or by check, made payable to:

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## ***Do You Have Ideas for the Bulletin?***

Please email all articles, photos and suggestions for future bulletin content to [communications@habonim.net](mailto:communications@habonim.net)





Habonim is looking for a few good *madrichim*—(teen) teachers' assistants! We would love some extra hands to help the Religious School get ready for students, supervise pizza time, and support our classroom teachers—and the opportunity is so much more than that. *Madrichim* are mentors, living Habonim's core values centered on volunteerism and building community together, and demonstrating to our students that it's cool to grow up Jewish.

This is a great way to not only support Habonim but also to complete community service or National Honor Society requirements and add a volunteer opportunity to a resume or college application.

If you have (or are!) a child in grades 9-12 who can join us after school on Mondays or Tuesdays, contact our Religious School Director, Karen, to volunteer today!

[religiousschool@habonim.net](mailto:religiousschool@habonim.net)

or

(212) 787-5347





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# Congregation Habonim

## CLASS DETAILS:

### DAY & TIME:

**Fridays**

**10/13 - 12/15**

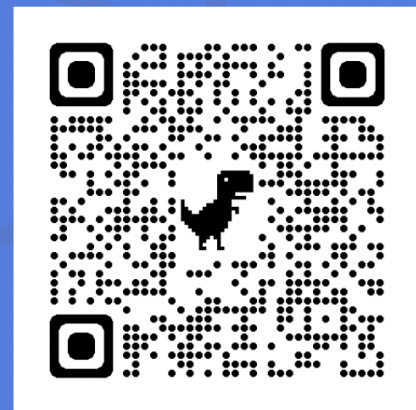
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### COST:

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**CLASS  
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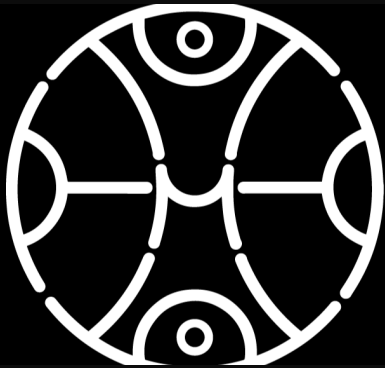
## WHO WE ARE

At Super Soccer Stars, we are committed to keeping your kids engaged, active, and healthy in any environment. Our specially designed, age-specific curricula helps develop skills, teamwork, and builds self-confidence in every child.

## CONTACT:

**Phone: 212-877-7171**

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Classes are available for students in our Red, Blue and Purple rooms as well as children from 18-24 months old!

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[https://www.habonim.net/  
classes/multisport](https://www.habonim.net/classes/multisport)







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