



# TEMPLE BETH EL OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 7**  
YOM KIPPUR EVENING SERVICES (TIME ON TICKETS)
- 8**  
YOM KIPPUR SERVICES (TIME ON TICKETS)
- 10**  
11:00 AM SUKKAH DECORATING PARTY
- 12**  
5:30 PM SUKKAT-TOT SERVICE  
6:15 PM BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC DINNER  
7:15 PM FAMILY SERVICE IN THE SUKKAH
- 13**  
9:15 AM SUKKOT MORNING SERVICE
- 19**  
7:15 PM SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE  
WITH CONSECRATION OF  
NEW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS
- 20**  
7:30 AM SIMCHAT TORAH MORNING  
SERVICE WITH YIZKOR & BREAKFAST
- 26**  
7:30 PM KNITZVAH CORPS
- 28**  
7:30 PM TZAHAL SHALOM COFFEE HOUSE



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## SUKKOT

**SUKKAH DECORATING PARTY  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**SUKKOT EVENING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**SUKKAT-TOT SERVICE  
5:30 PM  
BRING YOUR OWN  
PICNIC DINNER  
6:15 PM  
FAMILY SERVICE  
IN THE SUKKAH  
7:15 PM**

**SUKKOT  
MORNING SERVICE  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13  
9:15 AM**

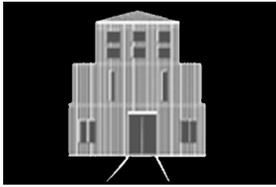
# Chag Sameach

## SIMCHAT TORAH

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19  
SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE  
WITH CONSECRATION  
7:15 PM**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20  
SIMCHAT TORAH  
MORNING SERVICE  
WITH YIZKOR  
7:30 AM**





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**TZAHAL SHALOM  
 SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICE  
 OCTOBER 28 AT 8:00 PM**  
*A very special event*  
 Active duty combat officers from the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) will be speaking. Be prepared for an exciting evening as they share their stories with us. This is a fantastic way to connect our community to Israel and bring a bit of Israel into our homes.



**FIRST FRIDAY  
 NOVEMBER 4**

**5:30 PM KABBAL-TOT SHABBAT SERVICE  
 6:15 PM FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER  
 7:15 PM SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICE  
 WITH  
 3RD GRADE PARTICIPATION  
 NEW MEMBERS WELCOME  
 SUMMER CAMP PRESENTATION**

COST OF DINNER IS \$ 10 PER ADULT,  
 \$ 8 PER CHILD (AGES 5-13)  
 CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE

**PLEASE RSVP IN ADVANCE BY NOVEMBER 2.**  
 SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE TEMPLE  
 OR CONTACT ROSE AT  
 238-3928 x1320 OR RHILL@BETHELNW.ORG.

**SIMCHAT SHABBAT**  
 THE JOY OF SHABBAT  
 LED BY CANTOR ELLEN DRESKIN



**SATURDAY  
 OCTOBER 15  
 9:00 AM**

NEXT DATE: NOVEMBER 5

A SPECIAL SATURDAY  
 MUSICAL SERVICE,  
 WHICH OCCURS ONCE A MONTH  
 FROM 9:00 TO 9:45 AM  
 FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
 WITH DEVELOPMENTAL  
 DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.



## RABBI JOSHUA M. DAVIDSON



Rabbi Davidson's Remarks on the Opening Shabbat of Temple Beth El's New Campus of Living Judaism, September 2, 2011

*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof* – “Justice, justice shall you pursue.” - Deuteronomy 16:20

No principle or activity galvanizes our community more powerfully or more quickly than the pursuit of justice and compassion. Some of our congregation's proudest moments have come in response to the suffering of others: the fire engine we purchased

for communities in northern Israel under the gun of Hezbollah; the trucks we loaded with supplies for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, or the earthquake in Haiti, or the floods in Pakistan.

There are two brief insights on this defining verse I want to share, and both speak to me as we open our glorious Campus of Living Judaism. The first is a Chasidic teaching that explains why the word “justice” is repeated: it is repeated, the masters taught, because in the pursuit of justice, we can never stand still. There is always more to be done. There is to be no rest in our efforts.

The second insight is the wisdom of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, and it draws our eye to the second part of the verse: “Justice, justice shall you pursue, *that you may thrive and occupy the land that Adonai your God is giving you.*” In other words, says Hirsch, somehow Israel's ability not only to prosper on the land but even to hang on to it depends on the people's commitment to righteousness. “The possession of the land comes into question every minute,” he writes, “and has to constantly be merited afresh.”

What have these insights to do with us? Everything!

We built this Campus of Living Judaism as a place of Jewish learning and celebration for ourselves, and even more, for our children. More than any Torah we teach in our classrooms as important as that is, the Torah they will learn from us is the Torah of our actions, the Torah of our responsiveness to needs of the world. Our success depends on how committed we are not just to teaching God's word, but to doing God's work. The question put to us – and it will be continually put to us – is whether we truly deserve this extraordinary gift we have given ourselves, this blessing we have created.

We know the story of the first Beth El. How Jacob lay down his head on a stone and dreamed of a ladder ascending to heaven with angels climbing upon it. How he awoke and said, “How awesome is this place. It is none other than Beth El, the House of God, the

gateway to heaven.” According to one Midrash, Jacob's stone pillow became the foundation of Solomon's Temple. According to another, upon that pillow Jacob dreamed a vision of the Temple as it will appear in the time to come, when the broken places of this world will be made whole and no one shall want for anything.

We are Beth El! We inhabit the one temple even as we dream of the other. We are Jews! Driven by a pursuit of a better world, we lay down our heads on a hard pillow of concern that will not allow us to sleep until that better world is made real.

Three thousand years ago, when King David learned that his generation would not be the one to fulfill the dream of transforming their makeshift *mishkan* into a permanent *Bet Hamikdash*, he instructed his son Solomon, saying: “Take heed now, for *Adonai* has chosen you to build a temple. Be strong and do it.”

The expansion of our historic Louis Kahn building was necessary almost from the moment it was completed. But the fulfillment of that dream awaited us. We were chosen for it. And despite a recession the likes of which our country had not seen since the nineteen thirties, we were strong and we did it. And it is our gift to the future of Jewish life.

On the occasion of the dedication of this sanctuary, Rabbi Chaim Stern offered these words: “Our ancestors were convinced that God dwells in the midst of the congregation, where we can help one another, and teach one another, and challenge and inspire one another, and give each other comfort, and increase the measure of our joy. When we enter this building for worship and study and celebration, we will know that we are not alone. Let us enter it often, for it is ours. And let this knowledge enter us, so that we know that we are the temple's too – that we belong to what the temple stands for: fellowship and reverence, learning and truth, rejoicing and justice and peace.”

So may it be for us as a new day begins.

*Pitchu li sha'arei tzedek avo vam odeh Yah*, “Open for me the gates of justice, that I may enter and give thanks to God.”

*Zeh ha'sha'ar l'Adonai, tzadikim yavo'u vo*, “Here is the gateway to God; it belongs to pursuers of fairness and kindness....”

*Me'et Adonai hayita zot, hi nifla b'eyneynu*, “This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our sight.”

*Zeh hayom asah Adonai, nagila v'nismicha bo*. “This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!” (Psalm 118)

Amen.



## RABBI GEOFFREY MITELMAN



### Our Deeply-Rooted Need to Mark Time

A three-hour drive into rural Guatemala leads you to Tikal, the largest excavated pre-Columbian site in the Americas. It was a center for the Mayan civilization 1200 years ago, so as a lover of history, Tikal was a place I had to go to during my honeymoon. And as we hiked through the jungle, the guide explained to us how the Mayan calendar was based on a 20-year cycle, and then he led us through the multiple sets of twin pyramids that the Mayans had built in order to mark the end of one cycle and begin another.

As I stood among ruins that belonged to a culture so different from my own, I was struck by just how deeply-rooted our need to mark time is. From the 10th anniversary of 9/11, to the beginning of the Jewish year of 5772, to the ways we observe birthdays and anniversaries, there are some moments that simply seem to call for ritualized recognition.

Indeed, in every culture, there are certain times that need to be “set apart” from others. We generally call them “holidays,” because the word “holiday” literally means “holy day” — in Judaism, in fact, the word “holy,” *kadosh*, truly means “separate” or “set apart.” And that’s a major reason why peoples as diverse as the ancient Mayans and the ancient Israelites sought to create accurate calendars — since some times were more significant than others and needed to be recognized, it was essential to know precisely when those special times were to occur.

But it’s important to remember that the way we *measure* time is often very different from the way we experience it.

We tend to measure time using physical phenomena. Originally, we used astronomical rhythms like the earth going around the sun or the earth rotating on its axis. Today, with a scientific need for more precision, we use the cesium-133 atom to define a “second,” and then base other units off of that.

In contrast, we tend to *experience* time psychologically — and that experience is often not in sync with physical realities. We all have had those days when we’ve thought, “Wow — it’s 4 pm already?” or have gone, “Ugh — it’s only 11 am?” We’ve had moments when we’ve wished for an extra few days to prepare for that test or presentation. And just ask any 6-year-old if they can wait for their birthday!

So as Philip Zimbardo explains in his book *The Time Paradox*, “A fundamental difference between physical laws and psychological laws is that physical laws are unchanging, but psychological principles are elastic: They bend and change according to the situation and frame of reference.” (Zimbardo, 13) And that disconnect is especially apparent when it comes to significant moments.

Indeed, when significant moments arise, we often *intentionally* change our frame of reference, seeking to make them last as long as possible — we build up to them, fully immerse ourselves in them, and repeatedly talk about them afterward. It’s the same whether we’re talking about days of memory like September 11, religious holidays like Passover or Christmas, or our own personal life-cycle events like a wedding — none of these pass by without significant anticipation, a deep emotional experience, and a lasting imprint.

As Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman explains: “Matters of the heart and spirit...cannot be squeezed into a convenient time-slot and then quickly put on hold...otherwise, we rob ourselves of the full depth of these events that mark time’s passing.” (*Israel: A Spiritual Travel Guide*, 49)

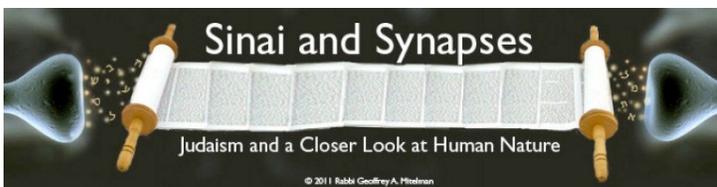
That’s why one of the first prayers we will say in the year 5772 will be the prayer that is said at every holiday, as well as at every joyous life-cycle moment — the Shehecheyanu. It’s a prayer that is designed to remind us to “set apart” this particular day, and it ends by thanking God for “giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this moment.”

The Hebrew word for “moment” in this prayer is *z’man*, which has a particular connotation to it. As professor of linguistics Dr. Joel Hoffman explains, *z’man* is used to describe “the time of the year when something of note happens or has happened.”

So *z’man*, in other words, is when physical and psychological time intersect. When the calendar tells us that it is time to return to this sacred time, we are also reminded that we have to fully engage ourselves in it.

Indeed, at a recent interdisciplinary conference run by Discover Magazine and the Foundational Questions Institute, one of the participants noted that “[f]rom a...psychological perspective, the time measured by atomic clocks isn’t as important as the time measured by our internal rhythms and the accumulation of memories.”

After all, while the calendar can remind us when sacred moments happen, we are the ones who have the power to truly make them significant.



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[HTTP://SINAIANDSYNAPSES.COM.](http://sinaiandsynapses.com)

## CANTOR DANA ANESI



Shortly after I wrote my previous bulletin article on the housing protests in Israel, there was a terrorist attack in the city of Eilat, and increased shelling from Gaza along that border. Suddenly—and necessarily—once again, attention turned to the ongoing hostilities between Israel and its neighbors, including—or in addition to—great concern about the seemingly inevitable upcoming (as of this writing) vote in the UN on recognition of a Palestinian state.

However, in early September, more than 400,000 Israelis—the largest number so far— returned to the streets, and participated in another Saturday night protest: sending a strong signal that the societal issues which have made rather strange bed-fellows of diverse groups in the country, are not going to disappear, even in the midst of deadly challenges from outside its borders.

And in addition to the housing protests and related issues, Israel continues to be a nation struggling with its Jewish identity. At the beginning of August I was privileged to attend a service one weekday morning with the group “Women of the Wall”—whose website says:

As Women of the Wall, our central mission is to achieve the social and legal recognition of our right, as women, to wear prayer shawls, pray and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall. ([womenofthewall.org.il](http://womenofthewall.org.il))

As American liberal Jews, that statement may strike us as fairly innocuous—but in Israel, these are strong words. Ultra-Orthodox have created separate men’s and women’s sections at the Wall in recent years, meaning women (and groups made up of both genders—as ours was that day) must withdraw to another part of the Western Wall plaza to hold a service; and go to yet a different area to read Torah—or literally risk bodily harm. (We had a police presence with us for the entire time, and “only” received verbal abuse from several Orthodox women who glared at us and called us “wicked”!) While the government obviously offers some official protection, this is nonetheless a sad example of its explicit support of inequality regarding the country’s non-Orthodox citizens, and a matter of great concern to many of us.

However—perhaps paradoxically, Israel offers full equality to its gay population—in many ways, more so than the US. I also happened to be around for Jerusalem’s Gay Pride parade this summer. As I joined with colleagues representing the US and Israel (including leaders from our movement’s Israel Religious Action Center) for a gathering in the local park before the parade started, it was a stirring reminder of much that is right about Israel. Indeed, in the newspaper, Ha’aretz on September 2nd, it was reported that for the first time, the non-Jewish gay spouse of a Jew has received permission to become a citizen under the Law of Return—as would be true for a heterosexual spouse: a notable (albeit belated) decision by the

Interior Ministry. In addition, openly gay men and women have served in the Israel Defense Forces since 1983; and since 1993, following a political storm, the IDF has had no restrictions based on sexual orientation regarding promotions, or the holding of sensitive intelligence positions. Israel also provides spousal benefits for, and recognizes adoptions by, gay couples; and Tel Aviv is recognized as one of the most gay-friendly cities in the world (Jerusalem, while it has a gay population, is much more conservative, and therefore not quite as welcoming, unfortunately).

An email from our Religious Action Center in Washington recently stated, “Throughout the Reform Movement’s history, in times of peace and in times of strife, we have spoken out in unequivocal and unconditional support of the State of Israel and her people.” And so as we continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, let us also pray that the values and ideals of social justice continue to blossom and grow in this most extraordinary land.

Wishing you all a *shana tovah um’tukah*—a sweet and healthy new year.

HIGH HOLY DAY CHOIR  
REHEARSALS  
OCTOBER 3 & 5 AT 8:15 PM

Beginning Years 

We have begun school in our magnificent new building and the children have been so excited, exploring and playing in the new rooms and on our new playground equipment. It has been such a joy to see their faces when they see the new school wing. The classrooms are decorated and filled with so many toys and books for the children to enjoy. Our phenomenal staff has worked so hard on setting up their classrooms so that it is a delight for the children to be in.

The staff has been teaching the children about the holidays and we are preparing to teach and celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah with them. The children will enjoy making decorations for the sukkah and eating fruits to celebrate.

Sukkot is the holiday to give thanks and the children learn the importance of being thankful for all that they have. They also learn about doing mitzvot. They learn that it is so important to give to others in need. Even though our children are so young it really is so impressive how much they understand.

Our PTA presidents, Debbie Jacobs and Devra Glick have been working hard toward a very active parent association, and one in which all the parents are involved. They are planning many wonderful events.

We are holding registration for next year and will proudly give anyone a tour of our new facility. If you would like to set up an appointment or learn about our Mommy and Me programs and/or our nursery school please call me at 238-5735.

Janet Goldstein  
Early Childhood Director

## SUSAN COSDEN, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



*“God created the human being in the Divine image; in the image of God, God created the human; male and female God created them.”*

– Genesis 1:27

This verse comes from the first portion of our *Torah*, *parashat Beresheet*, from the first chapter of our *Torah*. *Parashat Beresheet* will be read the Shabbat of October 21-22. When we examine this verse, we can see the

four pillars of Temple Beth El and Temple Beth El’s Religious School: *Torah*, *Avodah* (Prayer and our Relationship with God), *Tzedek* (Social Justice) and *Kehillah* (Community). This verse models for us the importance of *Torah* in the giving of the vocabulary for our values. This verse teaches us about *tzedek*, that we must take care of one another because we are all created in God’s image and we should care about one another, as we are one family.

This month begins an exploration of the Four Pillars of Temple Beth El’s Religious School starting with *Avodah* (Prayer and our Relationship with God). The Babylonian *Talmud*, *Sanhedrin 37b*, as quoted by Rabbi Yitz Greenberg says:

Being made in tzelem Elohim, in the image of God, a human is endowed with three fundamental dignities: infinite value: “to save one life is equivalent to saving a whole universe”; equality, no one can say that “my parent is of greater value than your parent” because no image of God is intrinsically superior to any other; and uniqueness: “When a human creates many coins from one mold, all resemble each other; but the Sovereign of Sovereigns, that is, the Holy Blessed One, stamped every human in the mold of the first Adam, but each one is unique.

At Temple Beth El we strive to help our students understand and respect these three fundamental dignities, and from them, how we must treat each other and the rest of society. As it states in our Religious School mission statement, “Learning must lead to action in the Jewish and world communities, so that students see themselves as partners with God in repairing the world.”

But this is just one aspect of *Avodah* in our school. Another aspect of *Avodah* is worship. Our Religious School mission statement goes on to state:

Worship, *Avodah*:

Our educational programs are designed to help people find personally meaningful ways to worship, participate in Jewish ritual and encounter God in their lives. A graduate of our Religious School will be able to participate in Jewish worship services by comfortably reading prayers in Hebrew. Our programs not only familiarize students with the structural and conceptual aspects of Jewish worship but also help students explore the ways in which prayer can be meaningfully brought into their life. We teach a variety of ritual practice and explore the role of ritual in our life. Throughout our programs we encourage students to explore many different ways of relating to God and provide individuals with the language that will help them conduct their spiritual explorations.

*Avodah* is taught in several ways at Temple Beth El. One, all of our Religious School students in grades from Kindergarten through 12th Grade participate in age appropriate *tefillah* led by our clergy, faculty, and as the year progresses, by our students. Two, in 4th through 12th Grades our students study about the rubric of our services and the meanings of each prayer, in addition to learning how to recite the prayers. Three, our students and their families are encouraged to take their responsibility of being a part of our *Beth El Kehillah* (community) seriously by participating in the life of our congregation, including attending *Shabbat* services regularly, as well as Holy Day services as they occur. The goals of our *tefillah* (services) component of our education program areas follows:

Through the use of various melodies, Jewish texts, meditation, stories and dialogue we will enable our students to:  
Connect with themselves, with the community, and with God.  
Create prayer space as sacred space internally and externally.  
This sacred space is reliant on the individuals who make up the community to make it meaningful for them individually and for the group.

Apply/incorporate what they learn in the Hebrew classroom and experience prayer.

Understand that when they enter a sanctuary for prayer, the melodies for each prayer often change as a response to what is happening in the world, the community, the makeup of the praying community, the time of day, and the time of year.

This month, in addition to our weekly curriculum, we have many special events for our students and their families to explore *Avodah*. On Sunday, October 2, our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Graders, and their parents, are invited to join us for the entire Religious School session to study the High Holy Days. Parents and children will have the opportunity to study with their peers, and then to study as a family. On Sunday, October 16, our 3rd Graders and their parents will have a similar opportunity to study during the entire Religious School session about Sukkot. Because we feel family education is so important, all 3rd Graders will attend the Sunday session, and there will be no school for our Tuesday 3rd Graders on Tuesday, October 18. On Monday, October 10, when our children are out of school for Columbus Day, we invite all of our students, and any of their parents who are available, to join us from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to decorate our synagogue’s *sukkah*. Lunch will be served. On Wednesday, October 12, our families are encouraged to join us for our *Sukkot* potluck dinner, and then to stay for our *Sukkot* service. The following Wednesday, October 19, our families are encouraged to join us for one of most exciting services of the year, *Simchat Torah*, when we celebrate consecration (welcoming all of our new students into our Religious School) and unrolling the entire *Torah* so we can read the end of it, and immediately begin again at the beginning.

This year, as many of you are aware, our 7th Grade is completely revamped with the new title, *Na’aseh*, We Will Do. The program is designed around our Four Pillars of *Torah*, *Avodah*, *Tzedek* and *Kehillah*. As part of our *Kehillah* component, 7th Graders and their parents are invited to attend our own potluck dinner as part of the picnic in the *sukkah* at 6:15 pm on October 12, then join us for the *Sukkot* service. This potluck in being held as the celebration of their first project entitled, “Me and My Jewish Family: An Exploration of Traditional and Modern *Ushpizin* (Guests in the *Sukkah*).”

As part of our *Avodah* component, 7th Graders must attend three *Avodah* experiences. The first of these experiences will take place on Friday, October 21, when we travel to New York City to attend *Kabbalat Shabbat* Services at B'nai Jeshuran. Another component to our 7th Grade program is the attendance of every 7th Grader at one of our *Shabbaton* events which explore the theme, "*Al Shelosha Devarim* -The World is Sustained By Three Things: *Torah, Avodah and G'milut Chasadim*." Our first *Shabbaton* date is Friday, October 28-Saturday, October 29 and will include a sleep-over at the temple.

Rabbi Yitz Greenberg stated, "When Rabbi Akiva said that 'love your neighbor' is 'the one great principles' on which the *Torah* is based, his colleague, Ben Assai, responded that 'human beings are created in the image of God,' is an even greater principle. Living up to this

principle accounts for the whole *Torah*." May we and our children live up to this principle so that we may be God-like and in so doing, so we can find God and meaning in our life.

If you have any questions about our *Avodah* curriculum or any of the components of our education programs, please feel free to contact me at [scosden@bethelnw.org](mailto:scosden@bethelnw.org) or call me at the Religious School office, 914-238-5641.

*G'mar Chatimah Tovah* – May you end our High Holy Day season inscribed for a good year, and a meaningful year in the Book of Life.



## Religious School Highlights 5771-5772/2011-2012

### Class Days and Times

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade:	Sundays, 9:00 - 10:45 am
3rd Grade:	Sundays, 9:00 - 10:45 am or Tuesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
4th Grade:	Sundays, 9:00 - 10:45 & Tuesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
5th & 6th Grade:	Mondays and Thursdays 3:45 - 5:45 pm
7th Grade:	Mondays, 6:15 - 8:15 pm
8th - 12th Grades:	Mondays, 6:15 - 8:15 pm

### Religious School Highlights

Sunday, October 2  
 Sunday, October 9 & Monday, October 10  
 Monday, October 10, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Wednesday, October 12, 6:00 pm  
 Thursday, October 13  
 Sunday, October 16  
 Monday, October 17, 6:16 - 8:15 pm  
 Tuesday, October 18

Wednesday, October 19  
 Thursday, October 20  
 Friday, October 21  
 Friday, October 28 – Saturday, Oct. 29

Family Education Day Grade K-2  
 No Religious School – Columbus Day Weekend  
 Sukkot Decorating Party  
 Seventh Grade Potluck for Sukkot  
 No Religious School – Sukkot  
 Family Education Day Third Grade  
 Classes Resume for Grades 10-12  
 No School for Third Grade,  
 Yes School for Fourth Grade  
 Consecration of all new Religious School students  
 No Religious School – Simchat Torah  
 Seventh Grade Avodah Trip to B'nai Jeshuran  
 Seventh Grade Shabbaton, Option #1

### Looking for something to do this Columbus Day?

### **Monday, October 10, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Join us for a *sukkah* decorating party. Open to everyone.  
 Bring fruit to hang and we will also have supplies on hand to make decorations.





**TEMPLE BETH EL'S MISSION TO CUBA**

**DECEMBER TRIP FULL - JUNE TRIP ADDED!  
(DATE TBA)**

Join other families in an extraordinary Humanitarian Mission to Jewish Cuba. Enjoy the sites and sounds of a country living in the '50s. Double Occupancy: \$3,300 Single Occupancy: \$3,700 Price subject to change slightly of \$100 more or less.

Program includes:

- 8 days in Cuba, 7 nights
- Roundtrip airfare from Miami-Havana-Miami
- Airport Transfers
- USA airport tax
- Cuban Religious Visa
- Land transportation by private A/C coach
- Health Insurance
- Mission Leaders
- Hotel Accommodations in Five Star Hotels
- Most Meals included; some lunches and one dinner not included
- Professional English-speaking guide
- Professional Driver
- Erev Shabbat services at El Patronato, the main Havana synagogue
- Entrance Fees to Cultural and Historical sites

Contact: Miriam Saul, Director of Friends of Jewish Cuba, miriam618@aol.com or Susan Pecker, VP Temple Beth El, brainstar2000@aol.com



Dear Friends,

You've been talking about going — now is the time! Presidents week, February 16-26, 2012, join us for our Congregational Trip to Israel!

No experience has the power to bring Judaism to life like a trip to Israel. And no vacation could offer greater adventure. We will walk the ancient cities our ancestors walked, climb to the rebel fortress atop *Masada* (or enjoy the view from the cable car), relax at the Dead Sea, marvel at the vitality of the modern State of Israel, and so much more!

For those students (adults or children) recently or soon to become *b'nei mitzvah*, we can even celebrate your milestone with our partner congregation *Kehilat Mevasseret Zion!* We will depart on February 16 and return early the morning of February 26.

Whether you are a first-timer or a veteran traveler, a single, a couple, or a family with children, I promise you nine days you'll never forget. So join us for a journey that will open your mind, touch your heart, and replenish your spirit!

For updated tour information, visit [www.arzaworld.com](http://www.arzaworld.com), next to Tour Search, type in "Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester," or give me a call!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson



ALL THIS INCLUDED: FLIGHTS: NY-TEL AVIV, TEL AVIV-NY 8 NIGHTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PLUS LATE CHECK OUT IN DELUXE HOTELS ALL TRANSFERS (ONE PER GROUP)	16 MEALS: 8 ISRAELI BUFFET BREAKFASTS 2 LUNCHEES AND 6 DINNERS (FIXED MENUS) ALL SIGHTSEEING: 9 DAYS OF TOURING IN PRIVATE MOTOR COACHES FEATURING LG. PANORAMIC WINDOWS, RECLINING SEATS AND FOOTRESTS	FRIENDLY & PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH- SPEAKING TOUR EDUCATOR & LICENSED GUIDE ALL SPEAKER FEES & EXPENSES ALL PROGRAM ENTRANCE FEES NOT INCLUDED: AIRPORT TAXES, 9/11 SECURITY FEE & FUEL SURCHARGE, TIPS TO GUIDE/DRIVER			
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February 16-26, 2012	\$4,249*	\$3,429*	\$3,499*	\$2,679*	\$1,159

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Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.  
 November 9, 2011 - Feb. 29, 2012

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Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester (914) 238-3928  
 220 South Bedford Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514

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Name of Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your check for \$180 payable to  
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**Introduction to Judaism  
 Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester  
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*We look forward to having you join us!*



# TIKKUN OLAM COUNCIL GET INVOLVED

The Tikkun Olam Council is our congregation's catalyst for seeking social and economic justice. Consistent with the Torah's moral teachings, we are committed to engaging in acts of tzedakah in order to relieve suffering, inequity, and misunderstanding in our local, national, and global communities. We seek others who are similarly situated in doing mitzvot to join us in our mission and to share their ideas for bettering the world.

In September, we organized our congregation's annual High Holy Day Social Justice Appeal in which members identified TOC sponsored events which interested them. In the coming weeks, TOC members will follow up with members who expressed interest to maximize our congregation's involvement in social justice activities.

Also in September, we sponsored the Yom Kippur Food Drive. We thank everyone who contributed to this collective effort, making the drive an enormous success.

Please join us in November as we host our community-wide Interfaith Thanksgiving service and potluck meal. This year's celebration is particularly special as we will mark the dedication of our new Campus of Living Judaism.

If you would like further information about the TOC and how you can become involved, please contact Sheila Schneiderman (sheilas-yogi@aol.com) or Brenda Haas (brendaphaas@yahoo.com).

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

KNITZVAH CORPS:

Knitzvah Corps meetings are returning to the temple. We will generally be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. We welcome all who knit or who want to learn.

For more information, contact Hilary Kent  
hilaryk13@gmail.com or 238-9793

**Next meeting: October 26**

*Thanks* to the generosity of Temple Beth El's Sisterhood our sanctuary is equipped with an infrared sound system which will enable those with difficulty hearing to have personal amplification through the use of an individual receiver. You do not need a hearing aid for these units to be of assistance. The units are available at the entrance to the sanctuary fifteen minutes before services begin.

## SAVE THE DATE

### NOVEMBER

**Thursday, November 10**  
New Members Orientation  
with Rabbi Davidson and Temple President, Harry Cohen.  
Members who have recently joined TBE gather to get to know each other and share ideas.

**Friday, November 18 at 8:00 pm**  
Shabbat Worship Service Commemorating the 10th Yahrzeit of Rabbi Chaim Stern, with former TBE Associate Rabbi, Dennis Ross and Cantor Jeff Klepper

**Sunday, November 20 at 3:30 pm**  
Mezzuzah Dedication at our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Dinner



### Donations Requested for the Religious School:

- New or gently used/almost new:**
- Flip video cameras**
- Digital photo cameras that can be plugged in directly to computers**
- Laptop computers**
- iPads**
- 1 Quisinart food processor**

**If you would like to donate any of these items or would like to make a donation toward a purchase, please contact Susan Cosden, 914-238-5641 scosden@bethelnw.org**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2011</h1>						1 10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service with bat mitzvah
2 RS Family Education Day Grades K-2 9:00 AM RS K--4th Grades	3 8:15 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM RS 5th & 6th Grades 6:15 PM RS 7th, 8th & 9th Grades	4 4:00 PM RS 3rd & 4th Grades	5 8:15 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal	6 7:30 PM RS Com- mittee Meeting	7 5:30 PM Yom Kip- pur Evening Service 8:00 PM Yom Kip- pur Evening Service	8 Yom Kippur Day Services (see back cover)
9 No Religious School - Columbus Day Weekend	10 No Religious School - Columbus Day Weekend 11:00 AM Sukkah Decorating Party 4:30 PM BESTY Sukkah Decorating/ BBQ and 9th Grade elections	11 4:00 PM RS 3rd & 4th Grades	12 Sukkot Evening 5:30 PM Sukkat-Tot Service 6:00 PM RS 7th Grade Potluck for Sukkot 6:15 PM Bring your own picnic dinner 7:15 PM Family Ser- vice in the Sukkah	13 Sukkot No Religious School 7:30 AM Sukkot Morning Service	14 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service	15 10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service with b'nei mitzvah
16 RS Family Education Day - 3rd Grade 9:00 AM RS K-4th Grades	17 6:15 PM RS 10th -12th Grades - Classes Resume 3:45 PM RS 5th & 6th Grades 6:15 PM RS 7th, 8th & 9th Grades	18 4:00 PM RS 3rd & 4th Grades	19 7:15 PM Simchat Torah Evening Service with Conse- cration of all new RS students	20 No Religious School 7:30 AM Simchat Torah Morning Service with Yizkor	21 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service	22 10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service with b'nei mitzvah 5:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with bat mitzvah
23 9:00 AM RS K-4th Grades	24 3:45 PM RS 5th & 6th Grades 6:15 PM RS 7th - 12th Grades 8:15 PM TBE Board Mtg	25 4:00 PM RS 3rd & 4th Grades	26 7:30 PM Knitzvah Corps Meeting	27 3:45 PM RS 5th & 6th Grades 7:30 PM Tzahal Sha- lom Coffee House 8:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	28 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with Israeli Soldiers	29 10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service with b'not mitzvah KEY HHD: High Holy Day RS: Religious School
30 9 AM K-4th Grades	31 3:45 PM RS 5th & 6th Grades 6:15 PM RS 7th - 12th Grades					

# OUR JOYS, OUR SORROWS

*For everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.  
- Ecclesiastes 3:1 -*



Jake Abitanta  
Madelyn Adler  
Jacob Altman  
Hannah Beilenson  
Michelle Beraud  
Lauren Berger  
Cameron Block  
Jennifer Borowka  
William Borowka  
Justin Bresner  
Noah Ceisler  
Elias Cole  
Samuel Cooperberg  
Madeline David  
Emma Diller  
Lauren Divack  
Eve Dorfman  
Noah Falbaum  
Dylan Fichtenbaum  
Jake Frankel  
Grace Gefsky  
Samson Gelfand  
Carlee Gilbert  
Lily Glotzer

Spencer Goldberg  
Charlie Goodstadt  
Daniel Greenberg  
Jake Greenberg  
Emily Harris  
Shail Highbloom  
Bryan Horowitz  
Jamie Horowitz  
Sara Hyman  
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Alexander Kaufman  
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## TEMPLE BETH EL'S CAMPUS OF LIVING JUDAISM OPENING EVENTS

**ROSH HASHANAH  
OPENING WITH THE  
RETURN OF OUR  
SEFERAI TORAH TO THE ARK  
AND SHOFAR CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20  
BUILDING DEDICATION AND  
MEZZUZAH HANGING 3:30 PM  
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE 4:00 PM  
DINNER 5:00 PM**

### CONSECRATION WEEKEND

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23 8:00 PM  
SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICE  
RABBI DR. LARRY HOFFMAN AND  
CANTOR BENJIE SCHILLER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24  
9:15 AM - 12:30 PM  
PROGRAM: "RENEWING OUR WORSHIP,  
OUR SYNAGOGUE AND OURSELVES"**

**RABBI LARRY HOFFMAN  
CANTOR BENJIE SCHILLER  
8:00 PM**

### CONSECRATION GALA

**MARCH 25  
FAMILY EDUCATION DAY**

### IN TIMES OF SADNESS AND IN TIMES OF JOY, PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED!

It is always a pleasure to hear good news from our temple members and to share joys. Often it helps to share problems or illnesses, too. Our Rabbis, Cantor, and Caring Community Committee want to respond to the needs of our congregants. Please let us know if you, or some other temple member, might be helped by a visit or telephone call. Many people assume that everyone knows, but a note or call to the temple office, at 238-3928, will get the message to our clergy.



**OCTOBER 10 AT 4:30 PM**

**SUKKAH DECORATING  
BARBEQUE  
9TH GRADE ELECTIONS**

# OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

# RECENT GIFTS

- October 1**  
 Helen Biren  
 Sigmund Dreilinger  
 Rosalind Ronin  
 Albert Singer  
 Craig Smith
- October 2 - 8**  
 Henry Berez  
 Robert Cohen  
 Morris Epstein  
 Rae Gluck  
 Mannie Goldberg  
 Rebecca Goldman  
 Herbert Green  
 Louise Gursha  
 Miriam Hirschfeld  
 Rube Israel  
 Harvard Jacobs  
 Stanley Kent  
 Edna Kerbel  
 Manoocher Manoo-  
 chehrian  
 Pearl Marcus  
 David Meisel  
 Aaron Norkin  
 Jane Ortner  
 Harold Rabinowitz  
 Leonard Rosenberg  
 Jerome Rosenthal  
 Ann Rosenzweig  
 Ceil Schreier  
 Seymour Scolnick  
 Swanson Shields  
 Rita B. Simpson  
 Alex Sterling  
 Robert Wagner  
 Maurice Wallack  
 Henry Weber  
 Molly Weiner  
 David Wray
- October 9 - 15**  
 Irving Blechner  
 Samuel Brown  
 Joseph Deutsch  
 Sigmund Dreilinger  
 Henry Gewitz  
 Rebecca Glassman
- October 16 - 22**  
 Fred Grubel  
 Robert Haimovici  
 Adele Hantman  
 Jean Isaacson  
 Benjamin Jaffe  
 Sandra Lazarus  
 Donald Lewis  
 Louis Lieboff  
 Richard Marker  
 Harry Nortman  
 Irving Posner  
 Sadie Rose  
 Norman Rosenberg  
 Nathan Schiff  
 Gertrude Small  
 Maurice F. Tauber  
 Claire Weber
- October 23 - 29**  
 Alex Solomon  
 William Stern  
 Helen Jonap Titunik  
 Shirley Tobin  
 Rose Widett
- October 30 - 31**  
 Lawrence H. Clayman  
 Charlotte Diamondstein  
 Jacques Leser



**Yahrzeit - a year's time - is the anniversary of the death of a dear one.** In the temple, it is symbolized by reading the names of the loved ones and the recitation of the Kaddish. Our temple office will remind you of Yahrzeit, following the Jewish or the solar calendar, as you prefer. As so often in Jewish life, we mark a Yahrzeit by giving tzedakah in the name of our beloved.

At home, a twenty-four-hour light is kindled on the eve of Yahrzeit. The family may gather at dusk, and say:

At this moment, in memory of our beloved, we join hands in love and remembrance. A link has been broken in the chain that has bound us together, yet strong bonds of home and love hold us each together. We give thanks for the blessing of life, of companionship, and of memory. We are grateful for the strength and faith that sustained us in the hour of our bereavement. Though sorrow lingers, we have learned that love is stronger than death. Though our loved one is behind our sight, we do not despair, for we sense our beloved in our hearts as a living presence.

## List of Tributes From August 16 - September 16, 2011

**Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**  
 Moshe & Dorothy Shalev in honor of Rabbi Mitelman on the occasion of Scott Garrett and Rebecca Shalev's Marriage  
 Forrest & Susan Sussman in honor of the marriage of Heather Stoltz & Rabbi Geoffrey Mitelman

**Beginning Years Early Childhood Center Fund**  
 Marsha Halpern in memory of Helen Halpern  
 The Jonap Family in memory of Henry Strauss, Ruth Strauss & Bella Fleischman

**Betty & Jack Bader Adult Education Fund**  
 Joan & Dyke Kolbert in memory of Nathan Axelrod

**Cantor's Discretionary Fund**  
 Carole & Arthur Elias in memory of Irving Greene  
 Sandra & Perry Levine in memory of Beatrice Levine  
 Odette & Howard Potter in honor of Tracey & Jarrads marriage  
 Moshe & Dorothy Shalev in honor of Cantor Dana Anesi on the occasion of Scott Garrett and Rebecca Shalev's Marriage

**Capital Campaign Tributes**  
 Phyllis Kirshner in memory of Ludwig Sheffield

**Caring Community Fund**  
 Rich & Jane Zenker in memory of Barbara Mirken

**Clergy's Congregants in Need**  
 Jonathan & Maxine Ferencz in memory of Aranka Zander

**Ellis & Rae Zimmer Fund for Children In Need**  
 Suzanne & Victor Rosenzweig in memory of Mel Rosenzweig

**Flower Fund**  
 Jean & Harold Baker in memory of Fred Susman  
 Gary & Ellen Byck in memory of Jacob H. Byck  
 Ronni Diamondstein in memory of Michael Kraus  
 Debra & Jeffrey Geller in memory of Nathan Shapiro  
 Judith & Michael Gewitz in memory of Louis Lipshutz  
 Kathryn & Arlen Goldberg in memory of Ruth Kramer  
 Louise Kaye and Family in memory of Frederick Kaye  
 Dick & Lee Laster in memory of Oliver Laster  
 Ann & Fredric Price in memory of David Streger, father of Ann Price  
 Dr. Steven Ross & Dr. Francine Falk-Ross  
 Gail & Alan Schreier in memory of Mary Zamshnick  
 Gail & Alan Schreier in memory of Jack Schreier

**Gregory Altman Music & Arts Fund**  
 Adele & Joseph Browdy in memory of Robert & Libby Browdy

**Israel Action Special Fund**  
 Steven & Elaine Dreyer in memory of Irwin Dreyer

**Prayer Book Fund**  
 Judy & Robert Bernstein in memory of Richard Schwarz

**Religious School and Family Education Fund**  
 Phyllis Biren & Carole Erdman in honor of Alex's Bar Mitzvah

# OUR JOYS, OUR SORROWS

# RECENT GIFTS



## THANK YOU

*Our special thanks to those sponsoring Onegs:*

- Stacey and Joshua Divack
- Paul and Denise Dorfman
- Jeffrey Gelfand and Kimberly Gilman
- Beth and Evan Greenberg
- David and Sharmelle Highbloom
- Stacey and Gary Munowitz
- Michael and Laura Poles

## OUR CONDOLENCES

*The congregation extends its deepest condolences to:*

**Cari Horowitz**

on the death of her father Arthur Stanley Robinson on September 19

**Ilene Saltzman**

on the death of her mother Irene Zuckerman on September 14

**The Sheffield family**

on the death of long-time member, Ludwig Sheffield on August 27

## MAZAL TOV

*The congregation extends its heartfelt congratulations to:*

**Susan & Arthur Buchman**

on the birth of their first grandchild, Dylan Oliver Seltzer, on September 16 to their daughter, Emily, and her husband, Eric.

### NEW ISRAEL FUND

TBE is collecting **tzedakah** for the *New Israel Fund*. NIF is an organization with offices in Israel and the US dedicated to fighting for social and economic justice within the State of Israel. Its vision is to sustain the Jewish identity of Israel by achieving opportunity for all of Israel's citizens regardless of their faith and ethnicity and by promoting democracy. It participates in sponsoring both legal efforts and economic solutions in order to foster its effort. More information on NIF can be found at its website: [www.nif.org](http://www.nif.org).

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#### Senior Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Susan & Richard Denmark in honor of Jason Becker's Marriage  
 Marla & Bruce Schechner in honor of Laura & Andrew's Wedding  
 and for all Rabbi Davidson did to make the service so meaningful  
 Stu & Bobbi Coleton in memory of Anna Estreich  
 Donna & Dodd Farber in memory of Audrey Farber  
 Eva and Rosalie in memory of Ludwig Sheffield  
 The Topel Family in memory of Selma Topel and a sincere thank you  
 to Rabbi Davidson for his support

#### Temple Beth El Endowment Fund

Leslie, Mitchell & Matthew Rubin in memory of Barbara Mirken

#### Tikkun Olam/Social Justice Fund

Steven & Elaine Dreyer in memory of Oscar Wortsman

#### Torat Chayim: A Youth Enrichment Endow. Fund

Joan & Dyke Kolbert in memory of Jon Kolbert

#### Tributes

Mrs. Carol Kahn  
 Lynn Chester in memory of my mother, Adeline Brand

#### Youth Program Fund

Jonathan & Maxine Ferencz in memory of Hy Levine

### DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR? THE STRUCTURE AND THE STRATEGIES HIDDEN WITHIN OUR WORSHIP Instructor: Cantor Ellen Dreskin

We will work our way through a service, stopping to explore translation, transitions and interpretations (from rational to musical to kabbalistic) and to explore the process of prayer itself. For whom was the siddur written, and what do we get from communal prayer today? No prior knowledge or understanding of Hebrew is necessary - this is a great place to begin.

Community Synagogue of Rye  
 200 Forest Avenue, Rye, NY  
 10 Sessions  
 Wednesday Evenings  
 7:30 - 9:45 pm  
 October 26  
 November 2, 9, 16, 30  
 December 7, 21  
 January 4, 11, 18  
 Cost: \$275

Woodlands Community Temple  
 50 Worthington Road  
 White Plains, NY  
 5 Sessions  
 Monday Mornings  
 9:30 am - 11:45 am  
 October 24, 31  
 November 7, 21, 28  
 Cost: \$140

Contact WAJE Director, Nina Luban at 914- 328-7001 with questions.  
[www.wjcouncil.org](http://www.wjcouncil.org)

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Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester welcomes all who wish to participate in Jewish life – singles, couples and families in all their forms, gays, lesbians, interfaith couples – all people regardless of age, sexual orientation, or financial means. In the words of Rabbi Davidson: “The synagogue is a kehilah kedoshah – a sacred community. It’s like a sukkah. A sukkah is constructed of many different branches woven together. So is the synagogue: the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the married and the unmarried, single parents, grandparents, gays and heterosexuals, non-Jewish spouses. The broader the sukkah’s reach, the more tightly its branches are woven, the stronger it stands. So too the synagogue: the greater the variety of people welcomed within it, the closer they feel to one another, the stronger the temple stands.”

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## NEW TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

1300 Life Cycle Emergency  
1310 Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson (917- 439 - 6757)  
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**YOM KIPPUR  
 SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**DAYS OF AWE 5772 - YOM KIPPUR WORSHIP SERVICES**

**YOM KIPPUR**

**Yom Kippur Evening**.....Friday, October 7, 2011

5:30 pm Sanctuary with choir

8:00 pm Sanctuary with choir

**Yom Kippur Day**.....Saturday, October 8, 2011

9:00 am Sanctuary with choir

11:30 am Sanctuary with choir

11:30 am Alternative Service in Social Hall for elementary school children and families

2:00 pm Discussion Period in Sanctuary

2:00 pm Young Children's Family Service in Social Hall for pre-readers and families

3:00 pm Afternoon Service (Rabbi Dr. Norman Cohen will speak),

Yizkor & Concluding Service in Sanctuary with choir

5:00 pm Yizkor Service in Social Hall without choir

**YOM KIPPUR** is the "Day of Atonement" and refers to the annual Jewish observance of fasting, prayer and repentance. This is considered to be the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. In three separate passages in the Torah, the Jewish people are told: "the tenth day of the seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be a sacred occasion for you: You shall practice self-denial." Fasting is seen as fulfilling this biblical commandment. The Yom Kippur fast also enables us to put aside our physical desires and to concentrate on our spiritual needs through prayer, repentance and self-improvement. It is customary in the days before Yom Kippur for Jews to seek out friends and family whom they have wronged and personally ask for their forgiveness.

