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TISHA B'AV (THE 9TH OF AV)

Saturday evening, August 6-

Sunday, August 7

JOIN US FOR

SERVICES SATURDAY NIGHT AT 9:00 PM

IN THE BETH SHOLOM CHAPEL

Rabbinic Reflections - Fostering Hope

RABBI JORDAN HERSH | RABBI@BETHSHOLOMFREDERICK.ORG



As we head into the heat of August, we find ourselves longing for autumn. The essence of what makes a person resilient is that it is precisely in the most difficult moments that they have the strength to look forward to what comes next. It is in those moments when we dwell on the darkness, or we feel ourselves

melting from the heat of summer, and are unable to foster an awareness that the oppressive heat will eventually give way to a cool breeze and the darkness will be rolled away by light, that we find ourselves in a state of despair. Hope in a brighter, and cooler, future is what fills us with the strength to move forward.

This fostering of hope is embedded in an often overlooked aspect of our ritual observance of Tisha B'Av, which commemorates the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, through the manner in which our mourning practices change throughout the day. Throughout the morning, we sit low to the ground, similar to the mourning experience of Shiva. During Shacharit, the morning prayer service, we do not don our Tallit and Tefillin, which are a regular part of the weekday prayer service.

Once we reach Mincha, the afternoon prayer service, however, these particular mourning rituals change. It is at this point that we rise back up and sit on regular chairs and first put on our Tallit and Tefillin. While spending a night and the better half of a day mourning loss and destruction in our lives and the lives of our people, we remember the promises of tomorrow. We rediscover the hope that remains ignited deep within. Though we still mourn and experience pain, we begin to remember the brightness of the future and we rise up and continue to serve our God in the special way our particular relationship is expressed.

The lesson we take from this ritual practice of transition is to hold before us the light of a brighter future. It is appropriate to mourn loss and sit with its accompanying pain. It is OK to complain about the heat. It is also important that through these experiences, we hear the primordial whispering of a faith which exists at the deepest level of every human being. The still, small voice beckoning us to remember that tomorrow the weather will cool, the sun will again rise, and a new light will shine upon Zion and the world.

As we approach Tisha B'Av (observed the 6th and 7th August), let us not feel weighed down by the solemnity of the day but lifted by the hope for a better future. Though the world may feel at times dark and narrow, the seed which will sprout joy and renewal has already been sown in our world. Let us sit low and mourn, but then rise up and sing!

TORAH STUDY
JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY
AT 11:30 A.M. VIRTUALLY
To join in, contact Monda Sagalkin
at monda.sagalkin@gmail.com

MINYAN AT BSC
Please join us in the
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on **Thursdays at**
8:00 AM for minyan.



Welcome New Members
Howard & Susan Sherer
Phyllis & Gary Schwartz
Rita & Ben Shewbridge

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Message from the President

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Dear Congregants,

As we approach the upcoming 5783 year on the Jewish calendar, we think about the year ahead and our hopes for our families, our community and our world. It is a time of both personal and communal awakening. As the shofar blows, we are called upon to do better, to be better. During the past 2-years of COVID-19 pandemic, we have stood together, prayed together, and aspired together, in person and virtually. Beth Sholom has continued to thrive and provide services to the community.

Beth Sholom is a beautiful collection of traditions and celebrations, and not just a litany of classes and committees and meetings. It is so much more. Beth Sholom is a community. You are our community. We are your community. Each individual is important to the fabric that makes Beth Sholom Congregation what it is and what it will continue to be.

Given our huge increases in personnel and purchasing costs, the Budget & Finance Committee proposed, and the Board of Trustees and the congregation approved, that we would raise dues by 5%, while holding Religious School tuition costs flat so as not to inflict additional burden on our young families. This 5% dues increase is well under our expected increases in costs. As a reminder, it has always been - and will continue to be - the goal of Beth Sholom not to turn anyone away due to financial concerns. Please give Rob Allen a call to discuss your personal situation. Rob is ready and willing to help in any way that is necessary.

Despite reductions in income from bingo and our usual fundraising events, thanks to generous contributions from congregants, a large bequest, and several federal relief packages, our financial situation has remained stable. The Board developed an austerity budget for last year as well as for this coming year, which cut expenses to the extent possible, while retaining important operations. We anticipate a better upcoming year with bingo and in-person events starting to approach a new normal.

We are asking you to please consider helping to support your Beth Sholom community beyond your dues, which even in a good year covers only about 40% of our budget. Please help us continue our mission of providing a Jewish home and spiritual resource in Frederick County by making your donation today. And as always, we need your help at bingo - just 2.5 hours/month of volunteer time makes a huge difference!

As we enter our new normal, we hope this year will be highly successful! We need to continue to work together to help Beth Sholom continue to be a vibrant Jewish community.

L'shanah Tovah,
Sharon Edelstein, President

Welcome to Our New Administrative Assistant, Debbie Colliton!



Debbie recently relocated to Frederick from Montgomery County to be closer to her daughter, son-in-Law and 2 granddaughters. She also has a son, Tommy, who lives with his wife in Silver Spring. Debbie is a former banker with over 40 years of experience, including EagleBank in Bethesda where she ran the Private Banking Division and helped to start the bank in 1979. Debbie was born and raised in Rockville, a graduate of both Peary High School (now The Berman Academy) and Montgomery Jr. College. Her hobbies include gardening, travel, reading and anything to do with history.

Mazal Tov to

Michelle and Sid Kandel on the birth of a granddaughter,
Ariella Rebecca Gardner

Joshua and Jenna Treiber on the birth
of **Yareach Lior (Vincent Richard Treiber)**

Jeanne and Stan Binder on the birth of twin grandchildren,
Claire Adeline Roth and James Monrad Roth

Stephanie and John Egly on the birth of a granddaughter,
Mila Sage Gutierrez

Condolences to

Arlene Shykind on the passing of **Edwin Shykind**

David Bass on the passing of his grandfather,
Irving Bass

WE WANT TO KNOW...

Are you under the weather? Do you know someone who is? Please let us know. We want to reach out! If a member of our community is sick or in need of a call or visit, please call Rob in the office at 301-663-3437 or email us at bethsholom@bethsholomfrederick.org. We need their names in order to say a Mi Sheberach (prayer for all those in need of healing) from the bima on Shabbat. If you know their and their mothers' Hebrew names, please give us this information also. Please help to keep us informed because we care about you.

From the Executive Director - August's Shabbat Dates in History

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AUGUST 6 | 9 AV

A series of tragic events in Jewish history, all of which occurred on the **9th of Av**, form the basis of why this day is observed as the saddest day on the Jewish calendar. Since the 9th of Av occurs on Shabbat this year, we observe this day of mourning starting at sundown **August 6th** and continuing throughout the day on **August 7th**. Among the

events that took place on this date were the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, in the years **586 BCE** and **70 CE**. Additionally, Jewish rebels against the Romans were brutally massacred in the battle of Betar on the 9th of Av, **133 CE**. One year later, on the same date, the Romans plowed over Jerusalem's holiest site, the Temple Mount. And if that wasn't enough, Jews were expelled from England in **1290** and Spain in **1492** on the 9th of Av. Is it any wonder we mourn and fast on this day?



AUGUST 13 | 16 AV



Further complicating the lives of the approximately 8500 German Jews who managed to survive the Holocaust, was the construction of the Berlin Wall, which began on **August 13,**

1961. With the concern of whether Jewish life in Germany would ever again be possible after WWII, most survivors opted for emigration to Israel, Canada, or the US, rather than live among the perpetrators of the war. The new German Jewish community was much smaller than the one that existed prior to the war, and largely more orthodox. Jewish life continued on both sides of the Wall once it was built, but with different outcomes. Jews on the East side either fled or faced East Germany's anti-religion, anti-Zionist policies, while Jews on the West side sought a normal life but lived in perpetual fear and preparation for the day they may be forced to leave. Once the Wall came down in 1989, the German Jewish community grew, largely due to the arrival of Jews from the Soviet Union.

AUGUST 20 | 23 AV

Israel's first medical journal, "Ha-Refuah," was published on **August 20, 1920**. The Journal is now published monthly by the Israeli Medical Association. It features a wide variety of articles written by the most renowned physicians in Israel. The main goal of "Harefuah" is to update its readers about all areas of medicine in Israel and throughout the world. The articles published serve as

a source of comprehensive and reliable information concerning all aspects of medicine in Israel. "Harefuah" is only available to IMA members and readers who pay for a subscription. Abstracts of its articles are displayed in English, but the full-length articles are in Hebrew only.

ההסתדרות
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Israeli Medical
Association



AUGUST 27 | 30 AV



At the current height of the baseball season, **August 27th** has proven to be an important date for Jewish baseball players. On this date in **1877**, Jacob Emanuel "Jay" Pike played in his first and last major league baseball game when he took the field for the Brooklyn Hartford, making his major league career one of the shortest in baseball history. In the game, Pike, a "lefty," connected only one hit in four times at bat for a .250 batting average and made an error in the outfield. To his credit, he is the first major league baseball player named Jay! His brother was Lipman Emanuel Pike whose career spanned sixteen seasons. And, on this date in **1955**, Jewish pitcher Sandy Koufax, also a "lefty," threw a two-hit complete game shutout against the Cincinnati Reds for his first major league

win for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Koufax was the first major league player to pitch four no-hitters and the eighth pitcher to pitch a perfect game, making him one of the greatest pitchers in baseball history. In Jewish history, he will always be remembered for his decision not to pitch Game One of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur.

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Volunteers Working Together

Soup Kitchen

On Sunday, August 28, Beth Sholom Congregation is once again helping our local community by providing and serving dinner at the local Soup Kitchen. We are in need of volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up as well as provide some homemade desserts. If you are able to help, please sign up using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0548A8AB2AA5F49-beth>

Please review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. Monetary donations to help defray the cost of the dinner may be made to Beth Sholom, selecting the Tzedek Committee as the recipient of the donation. Contact **Marcy Taylor** at 301-694-8212 if you have questions. Thank you!



We are also signed up to provide dinner on Christmas Eve and will need someone to lead this event. If you are interested, the August opportunity is a great way to become familiar with what to do.

Unable to help but still wish to support? Please consider making a small donation to Beth Sholom, with a note directing it to "Tzedek - Soup Kitchen." If you have any questions about the August or December events, please contact Marcy.

Thanks!



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| Barbara Fromer | Paul Kane | Marianne Erlichman |
| Al Solomon | Andrea Kane | Andy Rosenfeld |
| Warren Better | Howie Scher | Eton Yellin |
| Roz Nasher | Shari Scher | Rachel Tuer |
| Gerry Goldgraben | Melissa Vivari | Jenny Lazarus |
| Sharon Ramboz | Heather Kasper | Chelsea Kadish |
| Elizabeth Reiner | Mike Smith | Holly Stone |
| Phil Maslan | Jay Feinberg | Halee Helmer |
| Heather Cohen | Cindy Feinberg | Peggy Frankel |
| Roland Sebbane | Sara Levine | Dan Pearlman |
| Joe Herzog | Sharon Botkin | Alan Winter |
| Mike Eissenstat | Janet Potash | Sandy Winter |
| Derek Frankel | Cindi Diamondstone | Judy Poiley-Nelson |
| Sharon Edelstein | Marty Erlichman | Earl Nelson |

Our Garden Grows!

It's barely been two months since our volunteer garden team, under the direction of **Sandy and Monda Sagalkin**, planted our new native garden. But, looking at how beautiful it is already, who could possibly tell it's a new addition to the Beth Sholom landscape? Our garden is proudly listed on the National Registry of Native Gardens and has been declared an official waystation for Monarch butterflies. (The sign is to alert butterfly watchers. Fortunately, the butterflies don't need to read to find the site!)



Rosh Chodesh Group

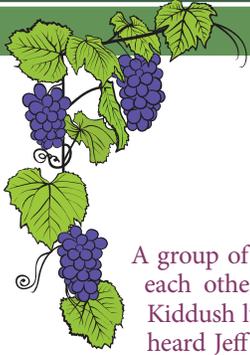
Will Celebrate the Month of Av

with Cantor Shulie

Thursday, August 4,

7:00 pm In Person





The Grapevine

Community happenings at Beth Sholom and elsewhere

A group of congregants has begun “gamely” enjoying each other’s company on Shabbat afternoons after Kiddush lunch. Bridge seems to be the big draw. We heard Jeff and Laurie Hoffman are the instigators of this pleasant pursuit. The more the merrier...!!! Stay tuned to the Weekly Newsletter for dates when the games take place.

Tisha B'Av is almost upon us and Hadar is offering an all-day program of prayer and learning 9-9 on Sunday, August 7. Whether you fast or not, you can tune in throughout the day for sessions such as “The Hidden Destruction of Shiloh” (a study of the spiritual center’s place in the Tanakh by Rabbi Tali Adler) or “When Worlds Fall at Our Feet” (Rabbi Avi Strausberg’s exploration of Dishuni, a collection of modern midrashim written by women imagining G-d’s own emotional experience of the collapsing of worlds held dear). End with a BYO Food Musical Break-Fast with Joey Weisenberg from Hadar’s Rising Song Institute. Find the full schedule (plus info on Hadar’s many other learning opportunities) and register free or with optional donation at Hadar.org.

Netflix just put up a fascinating new documentary on Shimon Peres called “Never Stop Dreaming: The Life and Legacy of Shimon Peres.” From his early life in a small village in Belarus and migration to Palestine, viewers witness his evolution into a practical optimistic visionary with myriad contributions to present-day Israel. Peres himself sat for over 50 hours of interviews a few

months before his death and his matter-of-fact delivery of a life of amazing experiences is sprinkled throughout the film.

The introspective month of Elul begins the evening of August 27. In addition to their free daily meditations and weekly torah study and yoga offerings, the Institute for Jewish Spirituality offers a free month-of-Elul-long program of guidance for those who would like to try a more structured contemplative approach to the season. Visit jewishspirituality.org to learn more and sign up.

In addition to the wealth of resources within the *Lev Shalem Machzor* which so many of us are purchasing, there are two additional helpful books for deepening your approach to the High Holy Days. Alan Lew’s *This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation* covers the entire period from Tisha B'Av through Sukkot. *Beginning Anew: A Woman’s Companion to the High Holy Days* by Reimer and Kates focuses on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur could offer an interesting perspective for curious men as well!

The Grapevine still needs “stringers” from the Beth Sholom community to provide tips on upcoming in-person and virtual activities/classes as well as recommendations of books, plays, movies, concerts, websites, etc. that might interest fellow congregants. Please write to Franna Ruddell: frannar@verizon.net.



Susan and Howard Sherer relocated this past year from Allentown Pennsylvania to the Woodlands in Urbana. Their son Jeffrey and his family reside in northern Virginia and their daughter Ilana, and her family live in Oakland, Ca., their four grandchildren range in ages from 10-4.

Howard retired from his financial advisory practice at Morgan Stanley and Susan is Professor Emeritus at Lehigh University. Howard and Susan enjoy traveling, hiking, music, and the arts. They are looking forward to exploring the area and getting to know all of you.

Celebrating B'nai Mitzvah



We look forward to celebrating **Ethan Sol Maller's** Bar Mitzvah on August 20th. Ethan is an amazing baseball star and an exceptional honor roll student. He is the son of Rebeca Gross and Brian Maller. He is the younger brother of Josh and the older brother of Peyton. He is excited to be able to have everyone be part of this special occasion. Mazel Tov Ethan!



Evan Vivari will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 27th. Evan is entering 8th grade this Fall at West Frederick Middle School, where he plays trumpet in the band. He is also a student at the Beth Sholom Religious School and is learning to blow the shofar.

Welcome New Principal Dr. Jennifer Newfeld



While I was thinking about what to write for my first *Bulletin* article, I decided to read one I had written about 15 years ago for another congregation. As soon as I opened the document, I just knew I had to share it with all of you.

“As a Bat Mitzvah present, my Rabbi – Rabbi Kosman – invited me to pick out one of his many paintings. Rabbi

Kosman loved to paint, and the walls of his home were lined with his paintings. At the time that was the gift he gave to each *B'nei Mitzvah* student. I chose a blue, black and white painting of a *Tallit* rack covered with *Tallitot*. To me, this painting resembled abstract art, which as a twelve-year-old was my favorite style of art. I loved to gaze at the abstract designs and imagine all the possible images I could see, all the possibilities contained inside the painting. I was recently looking at this painting, and although now it looks much more like *Tallitot* hanging on a rack than abstract art, the word that came to mind was **potential**. These *Tallitot* are simply lengths of cloth designed in a specific manner, hanging on a rack, presumably in a synagogue. However, these *Tallitot* are full of potential. They sit there waiting for the moment someone walks up to the rack, picks one out, envelopes themselves in it for a silent moment and then whispers the *bracha*. All of this is done in preparation for a spiritual and communal religious experience. The *Tallit* helps bring the individual's potential into the religious experience, into the conversation with God and community.”

As Rabbi Kosman would have said AM-AZING.

The potential of the *Tallit*; this is how I view the education. There is so much potential within each educational community, and I can't wait to rediscover the potential at Beth Sholom. I am looking forward to meeting and learning from and with all of you. I can't wait!

Religious School Starts Sept. 11

Have you Registered?

Registration for the 2022-2023 session of the Beth Sholom Religious School is now open. As a reminder, students who were with us last year have already been enrolled for this year, unless you have previously notified us, they will not be attending. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RE-REGISTER** if your child was a student with us last year.

New students may be enrolled by going to the LEARNING / RELIGIOUS SCHOOL section on the homepage of the Beth Sholom website, or by using one of the following links:

MEMBER FAMILIES:

<https://www.bethsholomfrederick.org/form/religious-school-registration-2022-23-for-beth-sholom-member-families.html>

NON-MEMBER FAMILIES:

<https://www.bethsholomfrederick.org/form/religious-school-registration-2022-23-for-non-member-families.html>

School begins Sunday, September 11th.

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Rosh Hashanah 2022



The High Holidays are just weeks away!

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Members who are registering for their compliment of seats should use this link:

www.bethsholomfrederick.org/form/hh2022mbrreg.html

Members and non-members who are purchasing seats should use this link:

www.bethsholomfrederick.org/form/pd-hh-sucs2022.html

To purchase Machzorim, use this link:

www.bethsholomfrederick.org/form/machzor

High Holiday Schedule

SUN.
SEP.
25

6:00 PM
ROSH HASHANAH EVE
BAKER PARK BANDSHELL

MON.
SEP.
26

9:00 AM
ROSH HASHANAH
DAY 1

TUE.
SEP.
27

9:00 AM
ROSH HASHANAH
DAY 2

TUE.
OCT.
4

6:30 PM
KOL NIDRE

WED.
OCT.
5

9:00 AM
YOM KIPPUR

WED.
OCT.
5

5:00 PM
YOM KIPPUR
MINCHA

AUGUST 5TH & 6TH*

Beverly Pittle
 Sylvia Cohen
 Barry Cohen
 Violette Lipton
 Ruth Osband
 David Goetz
 Shirley Stein
 Gerry Botkin
 Harry Justman
 Betty Oakes
 Linda Solomon

AUGUST 12TH & 13TH*

Benton Becker
 Melvin Pukatch
 Herman Korycan
 Lee Pittle
 Charles Mark
 Joel Zamkoff
 Belle Nasher
 Helen Freedman
 Phyliss Vender
 Shirley Harris
 Pearl Justman
 Helen Potash
 Philip Pindek

AUGUST 19TH & 20TH*

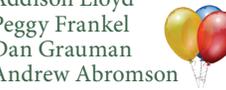
Howard Karbeling
 Liza Katzowicz
 Diana Tash
 Esther Fromer
 Melvin Becker
 Herbert Sadownik
 Sheldon Scher
 Dorothy Bromberg
 Gerry Berkman

AUGUST 26TH & 27TH*

Julian Cohen
 Burton Tepper
 Carolyn Gordon
 Arlyn Saunders
 Paula Myers
 Harry Klionsky
 Louis Premer
 Rose Winner
 Elizabeth Goetz
 Mary Goldman
 Paulina Macarthy
 Joseph Lovitt
 Harry Silver
 Jack Egly
 Helen Miller
 Michael Erlichman
 Florence Galinkin
 Pearl Erlichman

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Emral	Sanford Sagalkin
Shaool	Monda Sagalkin
Addison Lloyd	Emma Koshar
Peggy Frankel	Joan Meyer
Dan Grauman	Brooke Knox Nagi
Andrew Abromson	Sarah Waters
Lee Stern	Howard Wetrogan
Daniel Cornblatt	Ryan Diener
Charlie Lazarus	Katrina Eyer
Martin Zweig	Jon Solomon
Myla Roberson	Cameron Maslan
Marni Bromberg	Randi Dvoskin
Gerald Goldgraben	Jacob Hirsch
Ethan Maller	Tamar Farrar
Evan Vivari	Andy Cappel
Rosalind Nasher	Jeff Tuer
Joseph Ashwal	Eugene Klupt
Susan Korycan	Alexander Levine
Bradley Eyer	Meredith Flynn
Brent Turner	Macallah Reiner
Forrest Popkin	Daniel Foster
Paige Weiss Zesati	Peter Korycan
Morris Kelsey	Philip Macarthy
Alex Groag	Elliott Eyer
Janet Potash	Ilana Eyer
Scott Levine	Paula Rothman
Brett Dvoskin	Sandy Kaye



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Martin & Martha Zweig
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 Monda & Sanford Sagalkin
 Spencer & Elaine Neufeld
 Jared & Beth Berkowitz
 Charles & Renee Lenkin
 Bruce Zavos & Eileen Ebert



LIFE CYCLE INFORMATION - WHEN A DEATH OCCURS

When a death occurs during working hours, please call the synagogue office at 301-663-3437 and ask for Rob Allen so that we may be of assistance. After hours, please call Rob's cell phone 303-717-3933, leave a message, and Rob will return the call.

Chesed/Religious Affairs Committee:

The Chesed Committee assists families who have experienced a death by providing food following the funeral. The Religious Affairs Committee will help set up and lead shivah minyanim. We welcome your interest and encourage your participation and assistance. We need you. Please join us in helping fellow congregants.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Allen at 301-663-3437.

SUPPORT THE GIFT SHOP

While the gift shop is unable to stay open due to the pandemic, you may call the synagogue at 301-663-3437 to schedule an appointment during regular office hours Monday through Friday.



You can also shop online at: <https://bethsholom-giftshop.com/>

Mark Your Calendar!

August 2022 4 Av 5782 - 4 Elul 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ^{4 AV} 12:30p Mah Jong	2 ^{5 AV} 10:00a Meditation Class	3 ^{6 AV}	4 ^{7 AV} 8:00a Minyan 10:00a Talmud Class 7:00p Rosh Chodesh Group	5 ^{8 AV}  7:59 6:45p Yedid Nefesh	6 ^{9 AV}  Devarim 9:30a Shabbat Morning Service Brown family baby naming and Kiddush Luncheon 9:00p Tisha B'Av
7 ^{10 AV}  Tisha B'Av 11:30a Torah Study 5:00p Bingo	8 ^{11 AV} 5:00p Homilies of Menachman Nachman	9 ^{12 AV} 10:00a Meditation Class	10 ^{13 AV} 7:30 Exec.Comm. Mtg.	11 ^{14 AV} 8:00a Minyan	12 ^{15 AV}  Tu B'Av  7:51 6:45p Yedid Nefesh	13 ^{16 AV}  Va'etchanan 9:30a Shabbat Morning Service 11:30a Tot Shabbat with Cantor Shulie
14 ^{17 AV} 11:30a Torah Study 5:00p Bingo	15 ^{18 AV} 5:00p Homilies of Menachman Nachman	16 ^{19 AV} 10:00a Meditation Class	17 ^{20 AV} 7:30 BOT Mtg.	18 ^{21 AV} 8:00a Minyan 10:00a Talmud Class	19 ^{22 AV}  7:41 6:45p Yedid Nefesh	20 ^{23 AV}  Ekev 9:30a Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Maller
21 ^{24 AV} 11:30a Torah Study 5:00p Bingo	22 ^{25 AV} 5:00p Homilies of Menachman Nachman	23 ^{26 AV} 10:00a Meditation Class	24 ^{27 AV}	25 ^{28 AV} 8:00a Minyan	26 ^{29 AV}  7:31 6:45p Yedid Nefesh	27 ^{30 AV}  Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 1  Re'eh 9:30a Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Evan Vivari
28 ^{1 ELUL}  Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 2 11:30a Torah Study 5:00p Bingo	29 ^{2 ELUL} 5:00p Homilies of Menachman Nachman	30 ^{3 ELUL} 10:00a Meditation Class	31 ^{4 ELUL}			

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When is it hard to do the right thing?

Good Deeds Indeed

The word *mitzvah* (or *mitzva*) means “commandment” in Hebrew. There are 613 *mitzvot* (plural of *mitzvah*) named in the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, and they cover all sorts of ground: food, holidays, ritual observance, the treatment of animals, and ways of caring for the Earth, among many other things. One way to think of *mitzvot* is that they provide guidelines for people to live by. Any kind or generous act can be referred to as a *mitzvah* — which is why the word is often understood to mean simply “a good deed.” To learn more, visit pjlibrary.org/saramitzva.

Finders Keepers?

Returning lost objects — in Hebrew, *hashavat aveidah* (or in traditional Eastern and Central European pronunciation, *hashavas aveida*) — is an important *mitzvah*. When we come across a lost object, it's our job to help reunite it with its owner, just as Bubby explains to Sara. (So much for “finders keepers, losers weepers.”) That can involve detective skills! In Jewish law, it's usually up to the owners to prove that the object belongs to them, but in this story, Sara does all the work — even though she'd like to keep that duck. Sometimes doing the right thing can feel hard. Luckily for Sara, it turns out Bubby has a chance to do something kind and generous as well.

Group Project

It's important to do good deeds, but Jewish tradition also asks us to do them with the right attitude. The medieval philosopher Maimonides once described an imaginary “ladder of *tzedakah*” (charitable giving), and the very lowest rung of the ladder is when people give *tzedakah*, but do it unwillingly. Sara's attitude improves as she learns how important *hashavat aveidah* is to everyone around her — her grandmother, the various shopkeepers, and of course, the child who wants her duck back! The whole community values this *mitzvah*, and that helps Sara feel good about performing it, even before Bubby surprises her granddaughter.

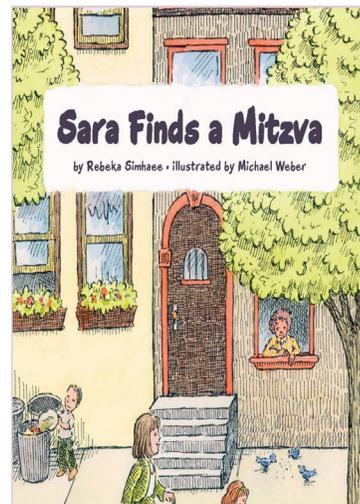
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At first Sara wants to keep the duck for herself. Why does she decide to find the duck's owner?

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