

Off the Wall

Ilan D. Feldman, Rabbi



As I stand in the shul in Tiktin, Poland in late June, the words of Nachem that I would soon recite on Tisha B'Av reverberate in my mind, "Desolate of its glory, robbed of its inhabitants."

Unlike thousands of other shuls and shteiblach, Tiktin's shul survived the war because the Nazis found it served their purposes as a fertilizer warehouse. Once the crown jewel of a thriving Jewish community, it now sits silent as an echoic and hollow museum. But as I stand here in what seems to be a surreal silence, I can hear it pleading to be a shul again; to have purpose once more.

The shul is an imposing structure, built like a fortress in the center of the shtetel with a marvelous cobblestone courtyard in back where weddings were held. Though Tiktin had several shteiblach, one for the butchers, one for the Tehillim zuggers (daily reciters of Psalms), one for the Torah scholars, it was headed by a single community rabbi, and this one central synagogue was supported by all.

The most impressive characteristic of the shul is its interior. Commonly recited prayers are painted on the wall in richly colorful calligraphy and surround me from floor to ceiling, from wall to wall, and from above the Aron Kodesh and Bima. No matter which direction I turn, I am faced with the text of a significant prayer: Brich Shmei (I am a servant of the Holy One Blessed Be He); Shivisi (I place G-d before me always); the Priestly Blessing (May the L-rd bless you and keep you...). The aura of the sanctuary is without equal.

The group I am with decides to daven Mincha here, not only to fulfill our obligation of Mincha, but in some desperate and urgent attempt to offer a loving message of comfort to the shul. It is as if we are saying, "we know you are not a museum, we know you are a shul, we know your holiness past, we have not forgotten."

In that moment, though I have lived in a shul my entire life and I serve as a shul Rabbi, I discover something I never realized before. As our voices echo off the walls of the shul, it dawns on me that we are not merely davening in a special shul. At first I think we are joining the spirits of those who once davened here but could no longer. Then I realize it is much more than that.

I understand now that the shul itself is their eternal prayer, and we are joining the shul itself in that prayer. When they painted the words of prayer on the walls of the shul, they accomplished what every architect of holy space intends to create: a place that itself expresses the devotion, joy, praise, and reverence for G-d of its builders. As we daven a "simple Mincha" that afternoon, we are actually joining the Jews of Tiktin and its shul - whose prayers miraculously never cease.

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As I leave and kiss its mezuzah, I take this experience and lesson with me, one quite relevant to a Rabbi of a shul about to begin a major shul renovation project: a shul is not only a House of prayer; it is a House that is a prayer.

Months later, I sit in Atlanta typing this only a hundred feet away from our shul, and I think of the thousands of prayers you and I, and thousands before us, have spiritually painted onto our Sanctuary. The paint comes not only from the words of thanksgiving and praise, of begging and pleading, expressing our deepest thoughts, but also the willingness to forgo comfort and popularity in favor of aligning our lives with Hashem's will, and maintaining our a focus on G-d

and His Torah as the center and source of the life of our community.

Ours is a beautiful sanctuary, but, as our members have stated clearly and regularly, there are some very critical needs that must be addressed without delay. There is the antiquated, inefficient, and unreliable HVAC system; a sloped floor which makes it difficult to stand in davening for decent amounts of time; noise from the lobby that creeps in; inadequate lighting, and unevenly projected sound. The 12 arched windows representing the sons of Yaakov are structurally weak, and the 50 year old Plexiglas is aging noticeably. The mechitza, the defining characteristic of an Orthodox shul, no longer makes the courageous and bold statement of fealty to halacha it did when it was conceived 50 years ago, and does not reflect the norms and expectations of a well-developed Orthodox community which was nurtured and raised by this Sanctuary for over five decades. The needs of the Main Shul cannot be ignored, or we risk creating a crisis situation when thoughtful planning is no longer available to us.

These are real and compelling needs, but what will make our effort successful is the realization that this is a not a project designed to fix things, as much as it is a project to infuse our Main Sanctuary with the spiritual vitality and freshness of today's' Beth Jacob. Whether you are a regular attendee in the Main Shul or another of our beautiful minyanim, our sanctuary is the throne room for the Divine Presence. As such, it must be welcoming, well taken care of, comfortable, relevant, and above all, an expression of honor and reverence for the King of Kings. The Main Shul must be a match for the spiritual energy and vibrancy of our community.

The renovation project is our chance to write our prayers into the shul, so that our new sanctuary will be every bit the expression of our connection and to G-d as the shul in Tiktin is of its community. We dare not miss this moment, for presiding over anything less would be to allow our Main Shul to reflect our past, not our future. The renovation project will be a statement of our vitality now, and will position us for what we still need to accomplish.

We are not a typical shul. We are an exceptional shul, and everything about our shul must be consistent with that. We are the largest Orthodox synagogue in this region. We are the spiritual anchor of an entire community. We have impacted thousands and thousands of lives over half a century and are responsible for the hundreds of thousands of lives it will alter over the next fifty years. We have established a community that simultaneously stands for the profound truth and immutability of our Torah without compromise, while welcoming every Jew and inspiring growth on all levels. We are an embassy for Orthodoxy. In Atlanta, Georgia, no other group of Jews can be said to be more accountable to project and express the glory of Hashem and His Torah to an entire city and beyond than you, the membership of this unique shul.

And our job is not yet finished; it has merely begun.

Ours must be a community that radiates spiritually on every level. We are a community that teaches by living, and inspires by practicing. Our community's \_\_\_\_\_

physical center, its signature space, must be a sanctuary in

whose walls are inscribed our spiritual yearnings. Through it, we will proclaim to the world that housing G-d's Divine Presence is a privilege and a treasure.

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Next to the entrance to the shul in Tiktin, there is a wide slit in the wall covered with iron bars, forming the opening for a tzeddakah box. Over it was posted a poem by the Ibn Ezra:

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Adam do'eg al ibud damav (A person frets over the loss of his money)
V'aino do'eg al ibud yamav (But doesn't fret over the loss of his days)

Damav enan ozrin lo (Yet his wealth will not help him)

Yamav enon chozrin lo (And his days will never return to him)

Tzedakah Tatzil MiMavet! (Tzeddaka Redeems from Death!)

Though its parishioners were murdered and the kehilla of Tiktin is no more, their investment in their shul gave them immortality. That is what is available to each of you through this project.

This is how you can do your part. Call me, President Joey Fink, or Building Trustee Michael Cenker, and ask what you can do for this project. Put your name among those who will stand for this undertaking. When you receive a special mailing at the beginning of the Jewish year describing the project and detailing dedication opportunities, take it as an invitation for bold action. I want every member of our community to be part of this effort to the maximum possible on his/her level.

This is our moment, our opportunity. After a splendid and inspiring celebration of our glorious 50 years on Lavista Road on 12-12-12, this is the time to guarantee that our Sanctuary reflects the royalty it is intended to house. We will seize the moment to record our prayers - no, our souls - on the walls of our shul, and build a new, relevant, awe-inspiring habitat for the Shechina.

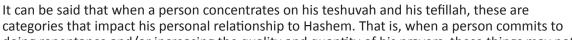


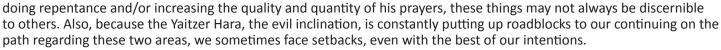
## A Message from Your President

Joey Fink, Board of Trustees, President

As we pass through the Jewish month of Elul toward our rendezvous in Tishrei with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Succos, Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah, it is important we contemplate the awesomeness and holiness of these days. We must realize that we have the unique opportunity to connect with Hashem during this time unlike any other time of the year. We need to focus on what these days of Rosh Hashanah, the 10 Days of Repentance, and Yom Kippur, represent to our present and future; individually, as the Beth Jacob Community, and as Am Yisrael, the Jewish people.

At the end of the Nesana Tokef prayer in the Musaf of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, are the words "but Repentance, Prayer, and Charity remove the evil decree." All of these actions are vitally important if we are hopeful of a favorable judgment from Hashem as we plead before Him to give us an additional year so that we may improve upon our deeds and by them increase the revelation of Hashem's shechina, his holy presence in this world, and this glorify His name.





Charity, tzedakah, is different. Once we have made the donation and fulfilled our commitment that mitzvah of giving charity is there for all eternity. It cannot be taken away or erased. After 120 years our performance of this mitzvah, like all mitzvahs, stands ready and able to be an advocate for us when we face the heavenly tribune.

With that thought in mind, as we come ever closer to embarking upon our Sanctuary Rededication, the mitzvah of charity should be uppermost in our minds. In order for our Shul to accomplish this project we will need tzedakah funds to do it. Our Rabbis are committed to ensuring that Beth Jacob has the spiritual environment for us to increase our repentance and prayer. It is up to us, as much as we can, to provide the funds for this to occur.

The Midrash in Shemos Rabbah, in describing the Jewish people's sin with the golden calf states that the people's restoration lies in listening, the Nishma, of their expression at Mount Sinai of Naaseh vaNishma. This is because the "doing" part was forfeited when they sinned. The Midrash's words are "you have failed in your pledge to do, be careful to observe your pledge to listen." I am quite confident that Beth Jacob's membership will be very careful to fulfill, with alacrity, their "pledge" to donate money for the Rededication project when called upon to do so. And please remember, our reward for the money we donate will be awaiting us when, after 120 years, our holy souls are called back to their Maker.

I feel truly privileged to serve this holy congregation as President, and on behalf of Kay, my family, and myself, I wish for you a good year and that you be inscribed and sealed for a good life and for peace.





## Security Changes at Beth Jacob

Harvey Steele, Executive Director

In the fall of 2012, in response to concerns of Beth Jacob members, we formed a Security Committee to assess our preparedness for various events and make changes to improve our readiness. As a result of the work of this committee to date, we have taken the following actions:

- Assessed all building doors and gates to make sure they were in working order; made necessary repairs and cleared obstacles to access.
- Tightened the schedule for opening and locking of doors on Shabbos and Yom Tov.
- Established and implemented visitor policies for the Shul and the preschool.
- Re-instituted the presence of an off-duty police officer for high traffic hours on Shabbos and Yom Tov for 2013. (Continuation of this service beyond 2013 will depend upon the availability of funding.)
- Established and published a Board-approved gun policy which is compliant with Georgia law.
- Established an Emergency Management Team to develop and implement responses to various emergencies.
- Obtained quotes for security enhancement projects funded by Homeland Security Grant (HSG) dollars awarded to Beth Jacob in 2011; submitted proposal for additional HSG funds for 2013.
- Added covers to two fire alarm pull stations to reduce incidence of false alarms and increase confidence in alarm system.

We will see to completion the efforts we have begun and continue to look for ways to improve the safety of our members and guests. If you have any questions about Beth Jacob's security efforts, please contact Harvey Steele at 678-244-6644 or hsteele@bethjacobatlanta.

NOTE: The Emergency
Management Team consulted
with members in the
community who are doctors
and determined that Beth Jacob
needs three defibrillators in
addition to the one in the main
entrance to the Atlanta Scholars
Kollel at a cost of approximately
\$2,000 each. If you would like
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## From the Heart of a Chazzan

Yonasan Gavant

I pen these words as I sit in our Shul's Main Sanctuary, to help set the tone for the thoughts I wish to convey. While the room is now dark and empty, I conjure up in my mind images of the Yamim Noraim, the High Holy Days, and recall the heartfelt tefillos offered here. The grandeur of the atmosphere is palpable, the room glowing with white, graced by a full crowd of devout people praying with sincerity and fervor.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are likely the most uplifting days of the year for all of us. This past year, however, they took on a whole new level of meaning for me. Sitting here in the room I was privileged to serve as shliach-tzibbur, I realize that they were perhaps the most spiritually powerful days of my life.

While I had previously led the Yamim Noraim tefillos in other settings, this was my first opportunity to lead a large and prominent kehilla like Beth Jacob. Leading a tzibbur is something special any day of the year; but doing so on the holiest of days on behalf of a large group of people thirsting for a connection to Hashem is a truly otherworldly



experience. When I recall the necessity for me to "come back down to earth" upon completing the davening, I am not being metaphorical or overly dramatic. Rather, I am attempting to convey the transcendence I felt standing humbly at the bima before our Creator and Judge.

Davening in this particular shul at this particular time deeply influenced my tefillos. Both my father-in-law z"l and father ybl"c were raised in Atlanta during their formative years in this shul and together with this kehilla. My father recounts

"As I sit here in this sanctuary months later, I can still remember and sense how the support of this community around me, physically and spiritually, charged my tefillos." carpool tales with Rabbi Emanuel and his children. He fondly recalls walking with them up and down Biltmore Drive to and from shul on many a Shabbos or Yom Tov. My father-in-law z"l celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at the shul. He and his parents matured spiritually under the guidance and influence of Rabbi Feldman and other members of the Beth Jacob kehilla. I therefore have a deep personal connection and profound hakaras hatov to this shul and community. I feel as though I am a link between its rich past and promising future.

Last summer, I anxiously and humbly looked forward to leading the davening in the presence, and with the approbation of, my father, father-in-law, Zaidy Esral, and the rest of my family. They knew how much davening at the amud for this particular kehilla meant to me, and I anticipated that their presence would further inspire my tefillos.

To the shock and utter dismay of my family and our entire community, my father-in-law was suddenly taken from us six weeks before Rosh Hashanah.

Even now, it is unbelievable to recall.

In the aftermath of our loss, I never thought I could emotionally make it through the Yamim Noraim davening. But, with the encouragement and support of my family and R' Ilan, I mustered the courage to continue my preparations. Ultimately, the dire circumstances added a whole new dimension of emotion and spiritual yearning to my davening. The tefilla of Unesaneh Tokef was particularly difficult, as the thoughts of my father-in-law's swift exit from this world inevitably rushed through my mind. The prayers begging Hashem for compassion and redemption were felt to the core of my being. I felt my father-in-law z"I's presence at my side throughout those holy days, although for His reasons, Hashem meant only for my father and Zaidy Esral to be physically with me as I led the tefillos.

As I sit here in this sanctuary months later, I can still remember and sense how the support of this community around me, physically and spiritually, charged my tefillos. I knew that they understood and felt what I was going through. I was encouraged by their warmth and palpable emotion. I knew that this was where I needed to be; no other place would have felt nearly as right.

With all of these feelings in mind, I now begin to anticipate the upcoming Yamim Noraim, the last to be held in our beloved sanctuary before it is renovated, iy"H. Though, as of this writing, we are still weeks away, for a chazzan the preparation is never too early. Leading a congregation on the holiest of days carries with it serious responsibility.

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My preparations entail personal cheshbon hanefesh, introspection and serious accounting of my actions and deeds; and my reacquaintance with the nussach hatefilla- the words, grammar, dictation, and music of the davening. I let the words flow from my lips throughout these weeks, reminding me of the lofty task ahead and heightening my familiarity and connection with the profound liturgy.

The melodies sung on the Yamim Noraim bring many of us back to our roots. The songs and tunes we heard in the shuls we attended throughout our lives connect us spiritually to this time of year. With the myriad of customs and nuances of nussach around the world, a chazzan has a delicate task. He strives to bring every individual along with him to the gates of Heaven, striking the optimum balance between familiarity, sincerity, and inspiration.

As the chazzan states in the tefilla of "Hineni" at the beginning of Mussaf, he must feel humble and terribly inadequate. At the same time, however, he must resolve to intone the words to the best of his ability, with the utmost kavana, and in the traditional awe-inspiring nussach. If he is successful, he will bring himself and the tzibbur to an entirely different realm, an exalted place where there is hope for the world and every individual.

It is a humbling but special privilege for me to lead the davening here again. Throughout this difficult year, this community has been a backbone of support for our entire family, bringing us all closer together. Perhaps from the tragedy we have risen to a level where we can begin to truly ache for the ultimate redemption. I know that I will yet again feel enveloped by the warmth of everyone around me and be inspired to daven with strength and from the heart.

Let us utilize these last weeks of the year to prepare for the holy days approaching; and when they arrive, let us gather together again to proclaim Hashem as our King and daven with all our heart and soul for His mercy.

May the Ribono Shel Olam hear our prayers and grant us a year of health, nachas, peace, and spiritual growth; and may we merit to see the end of this bitter exile and be ushered into the era of everlasting joy, B'Vias Goel Tzedek Bi'Meheira B'Yameinu, Amen.



## **Beth Jacob Legacy Fund**

Zahava Kurland, President, Beth Jacob Legacy Fund & Treasurer

I had a wonderful surprise the other day when a member who was meeting with me in my role as Treasurer of Beth Jacob about a shul issue said, "By the way, my wife and I just rewrote our will. We decided to leave \$25,000 to Beth Jacob as a legacy gift."

There have been other members I've approached about considering Beth Jacob Legacy Fund in their estate planning who have told me that they have already set up a trust, bought an insurance policy or designated Beth Jacob Legacy Fund as the beneficiary of their life insurance policy or IRAs.

If you have already done something like the above, please do come forward and let us know! We will keep this private if you so desire. We also want to let the community know that we already have over one million dollars in legacy commitments!! And we currently have over \$370,000 in assets!!

Very often, people only consider participating in a fundraising effort or serving on a committee or donating after they have been asked. These things often don't occur to us as we are so busy dealing with all the other pressing matters we have going on in our lives. We

would love to meet with you and see how leaving your Jewish legacy can - and will - make a difference!! Just contact me legacy@bethjacobatlanta.org or by phone at 404-633-0551.

The Board of Trustees and I wish you all wonderful, meaningful holidays. May this year be a year of blessings, joy and fulfillment!



## 50 Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe) Schedule

### SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 31

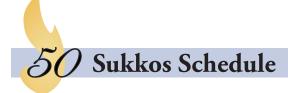
Pre-Selichos Program with Dr. Naphtali Moses	
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	
Shacharis (DM) (preceded by Selichos at 6:15 AM)	MA 00:
REGULAR WEEKDAY SELICHOS	
Mon & Tues, Sept 2 & 3 (DM & K)25 min. before Sh Wed, Sept 4 (Erev Rosh Hashanah)6:00 AM (DM)/6:30 Mon - Thurs, Sept 9-12 (DM & K)30 minutes before Sha Fri, Sept 13 (Erev Yom Kippur) (DM & K)20 minutes before Sha	AM (K) acharis*
EREV ROSH HASHANAH • WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Eruv Tavshilin is performed; see ArtScroll page 654	
Chatzos (Halachic Midday)*	idday 7:40 PM
ROSH HASHANAH • THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 &	<b>≩</b> 6
Shacharis (MS & K) 79:00 Minyan (CR) 8 Torah Reading (MS) 9 Sermon (MS) 10 Shofar** & Mussaf (MS) approximately 10 *Tashlich is performed the afternoon of first day of Rosh Hashanah, Sepsee Artscroll Siddur pg 770.	:00 AM 0:30 AM 0:00 AM 0:30 AM
Class with Rabbi Reuven Stein (MS)	7:25 PM 3:33 PM 7:30PM 7:38 PM
**Additional Shofar Blowing at 5:00pm at the home of Rabbi David Silve 1368 Holly Lane.**	erman,



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### SHABBOS SHUVAH • SEPTEMBER 7

Shacharis (All Minyanim in the Main Shul) 8:30 AM Early Shabbos Mincha (DM) 5:00 PM Special Shabbos Shuvah Lecture with Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman 6:15 PM Mincha (MS) 7:20 PM Maariv (MS) / Shabbos Ends no earlier than 8:29 PM Late Maariv (K) 8:39 PM FAST OF GEDALIAH • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
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Fast begins 6:04 AM Shacharis (DM) (preceded by Selichos at 6:20 AM) 7:00 AM Shacharis (CR) (preceded by Selichos at 7:20 AM) 8:00 AM Shacharis (DM) (preceded by Selichos at 8:20 AM) 9:00 AM Early Mincha (K) / Mincha (MS) 2:15 PM / 7:20 PM Maariv (MS) 7:55 PM Fast Ends 8:28 PM
KOL NIDRE • FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 13
Early Mincha (DM)
YOM KIPPUR • SHABBOS, SEPTEMBER 14
Shacharis (MS, DM, K) 8:30 AM Yizkor and Sermon (MS) 12:00 PM Mussaf (MS) 12:45 PM Mincha (MS) 5:00 PM Neilah (following Mincha) (MS) approximately 6:45 PM Fast Ends/Shofar (followed by Maariv) (MS) no earlier than 8:20 PM
BETH JACOB HIGH HOLIDAY LEARNERS' SERVICE: ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR
Heritage Hall 11:00AM
(CR) Conference Room, (BR) Board Room, (DM) Daily Minyan, (K) Kollel, (MS) Main Shul



## EREV SUKKOS • WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18

Eruv Tavshilin is performed; see ArtScroll page 654

Candlelighting	7:21PM
Mincha (MS)	
SUKKOS • THURSDAY, SEPT 19	
Early Minyan (K)	MA00:8.
Main Minyan (MS)	8:45AM
9:00 Minyan (DM)	
Teen Minyan (CF)	
Early Mincha (DM)	.5:00PM
Mincha, followed by Maariv (MS)	7:20PM
Candlelightingno earlier than	n 8:13PM
SUKKOS • FRIDAY, SEPT 20	
Early Minyan (K)	MA00:8.
Main Minyan (MS)	8:45AM
9:00 Minyan (DM)	.9:00AM
Teen Minyan (CF)	
Early Mincha (DM)	. 5:00PM
Candlelighting Earliest 6:20PM	/ 7:18PM
Mincha, followed by Maariv (MS) Early 6:05PM / Late	• 7:20PM
SHABBOS CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS · SEPT 21	
Early Minyan (K)	MA00:8.
Main Minyan (MS)	
9:00 Minyan (DM)	
Teen Minyan (CF)	
Early Mincha (DM)	
Mincha (MS), followed by Shalosh Seudos in the BJ Sukkah	
	8:10PM
Shabbos ends / Late Maariv (K) 8:10PM /	8:20PM



## Empty Nesters in the Sukkah

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 22, 6:00PM, CHOL HAMOED** - Save the Date for another Empty Nesters Dinner. This time we're taking it to the Sukkah!

See enclosed flyer or contact Sybil Goldstein at 678-244-6642 or sgoldstein@bethjacobatlanta.org for more information.



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CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS • SUNDAY – TUESDAY, SEPT 2	22-24
6:40AM Shacharis (DM) Sunrise Shacharis (CF) *8:00AM Shacharis, WITH TEFILLIN, (K) *8:00AM Shacharis, WITHOUT TEFILLIN, (DM) Shacharis (CF) Early Mincha (K) Mincha / Maariv (MS) Maariv (DM / K) 9:00PM	7:04AM 8:00AM 8:00AM 9:00AM 2:15PM 7:15PM
HOSHANA RABBA/EREV SHEMINI ATZERES • WED, SEI Eruv Tavshilin is performed; see ArtScroll page 654	PT 25
6:40AM Shacharis (DM) Sunrise Shacharis (CF) *8:00AM Shacharis, WITH TEFILLIN, (K) *8:00AM Shacharis, WITHOUT TEFILLIN, (MS) 9:00AM Shacharis (DM) Mincha (MS) Candlelighting	7:00AM 8:00AM 8:00AM 9:00AM 7:15PM
SHEMINI ATZERES • THURSDAY, SEPT 26	
Early Minyan, Yizkor is recited (K)  Main Minyan, Yizkor is recited (MS)  9:00 Minyan, Yizkor is recited (DM)  Teen Minyan, Yizkor is recited (CF)  Early Mincha (DM)  Children's Hakafos (MS)  Mincha, Main Shul  Maariv and Hakafos, Main Shul  Candlelighting  no earlier that  SIMCHAS TORAH/EREV SHABBOS • FRIDAY, SEPT 2	e 8:30AM 9:00AM 9:15AM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:45PM 7:45PM n 8:03PM
Main Minyan, Main Shul	g services / 7:08PM

\*The Kollel will once again be providing breakfast in the Sukkah following the 8:00AM Shacharis on Chol Hamoed (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday) for anyone who plans on staying in the Beis Medrash to learn.



#### Shimon Shlomo & Margalit Ovadia Great Controversies in Jewish History Course

Understand the times and events surrounding the controversies, schisms and disputes that have defined and shaped our history.

This third Course in our adult education series is sure to keep your attention. There is no feud like a family feud, and if there is anything Jewish History doesn't lack, it's passionate internal controversy. Our people's story has been filled with schisms and disputes that have shaped who we are as a people and how we got to where we are today. This course will highlight some of the more significant episodes in our history (all post-Tanach). Some of the controversies are centered on threats, both internal and external, to the integrity of traditional Torah Judaism, and other controversies are painful divisions within Observant Judaism. But they all have much to teach us about the Jewish world in which we live today.

#### **Course Highlights:**

- Each weekly session will cover one Controversy in an hour and a half
- Every session will be accompanied by a class outline and relevant handouts
- Classes will be recorded and available on-line for registered participants

#### **Outstanding Teachers**

We are again excited to offer a wide ranging slate of noted educators to present each individual class. Beth Jacob's own Rabbis Ilan D. Feldman and Yechezkel Freundlich will be joined by Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Emanuel Feldman, Rabbis Doniel Pransky, David Silverman and Binyomin Friedman of the Atlanta Scholars Kollel, Rabbi Mayer Neuberger of Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael, Rabbi Asher Yablock of Yeshiva Atlanta, and Rabbi Dr. Michael Berger, Professor of Jewish Studies at Emory University.

#### **Course Fee and Registration**

The course fee for all 21 classes is \$100.00 for Beth Jacob members and \$150.00 for non-members. There is a special student rate of \$50.00. Individual classes are \$18.00. The course fee is payable by credit card (via phone or our website) or by check payable to Congregation Beth Jacob. An additional \$25 will be assessed to participants who register after Monday, September 30th (immediately following Simchas Torah). To register for the course, or to find out more information, please contact Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich at rabbiy@bethjacobatlanta.org or 404-633-0551 ext 243.

#### **Time and Location**

The Great Controversies Course will take place at Congregation Beth Jacob on Monday nights, beginning Monday, October 21st. All classes will begin promptly at 7:45pm and end at approximately 9:15pm.

#### **Dedication Opportunities**

Individual classes are available for sponsorship in memory or honor of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the program and announced at each class. Sponsorships are \$180.00 per class. Please contact Rabbi Freundlich.



Our husband's and father's infectious smile and open arms are without a doubt inherited from his father, Saba Shimon. Although he died young (when Eitan was 13, Tal was 7 and Shanee was just 4), our collective

memories of him are of the enormous smile he carried to greet everyone and every situation. Stories of him all have the same theme - Saba Shimon as the selfless hero, the ba'al tzedakah, helping those less fortunate, whether relatives, co-workers, or more distant - to him they all needed something he could provide.

Our husband and father has borne out the qualities of both of his parents in his family, work and community life. Ask him for something, and it's yours. He is a volunteer and a friend and is constantly thinking of others, never himself. It is easy to see and feel love from Yossi Ovadia.

If we get a prayer or a wish with this dedication, it's that we each grow to carry on the traits so evident in our father, passed down from his parents.

Dedicated in honor of our husband and father, Yossi Ovadia and in memory of his parents Shimon Shlomo and Margalit Ovadia z"l.

With love, Jill, Eitan and Cara, Tal and Jess, Josh and Shanee

# 50 Upcoming Classes & Programs

#### **NESIVOS SHALOM CHABURAH: YAMIM NORA'IM PREPARATION**

#### Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Monday nights, August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 9:00pm / Kollel Franco Room / For Men

This 5 part series will transform your Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur experience. Based on the Slonimer Rebbe's (Rabbi Shalom Noach Berezovsky, 1911-2000) passionate and inspiring Nesivos Shalom, we will probe the essence of what teshuva really means and how it applies to our contemporary life. The Slonimer Rebbe is well known for combining Chasidus, mussar and scholarship into a language that speaks directly to each and every individual Jew; his volume on Teshuva is sure to provide a spiritual roadmap for these significant days.

#### YAMIM NORA'IM PREPARATION FOR WOMEN

#### Rebbitzen Miriam Feldman

Rebbitzen Feldman will be preparing us for the upcoming High Holiday season with two classes which will focus our attention on personal growth. These classes will kick off an ongoing series which will give us the tools to take responsibility for our spiritual lives.

#### This Time It CAN Be Different: Doing Teshuva on Rosh Hashana 5774

Wednesday evening, August 28, 8:00pm / Beth Jacob Conference Room / No Charge

#### This Time It WILL Be Different: The Work of Yom Kippur 5774

Wednesday evening, September 11, 8:00pm / Beth Jacob Conference Room / No Charge

#### **MOURNING UNDER GLASS: REFLECTIONS ON A SON'S MURDER**

#### Dr. Naftali Moses

Motzei Shabbos, August 31, Selichos Program at 11:00pm, followed by Selichos at Midnight / Heritage Hall / For Men & Women

Mourning Under Glass: Reflections On A Son's Murder chronicles the snuffing out of the life of a precious neshamah in an Arab terror attack and a full year of his father's coping with the aftermath. Sixteen-year-old Avraham David Moses was one of the eight kedoshim to perish in the Mercaz HaRav terror attack massacre in Adar of 2008. Naftali Moses, Avraham David's father, takes us on a rare journey into the unthinkable: the baring of a soul still raw and wounded. On the eve of Rosh Hashana, the Day of Remembrance, we look back, to recall and to be remembered. All memory, like love, needs nurturing, lest it fade into the nothing of endless, expansive time. We pray that the King remembers us, but may also wonder how can we keep alive that which is no longer? How can we reclaim that which was taken? Join us as Dr. Naftali Moses explores memory and memorial while discussing his book.

#### **BENA PRE-ROSH HASHANAH WOMENS GET-TOGETHER**

#### Mrs. Esther Pransky

Shabbos afternoon, August 31 / At the Pransky home, 1289 Bramble / For Women

Join Mrs. Pransky for this annual opportunity to prepare for Rosh Hashanah, hear an inspiring class and have a chance to meet some of the new women who have moved to town.

#### **ANNUAL SHABBOS SHUVA DRASHA**

#### Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman

Shabbos, September 7, 6:00 pm / Main Shul / For Men & Women

#### YESODEI HATORAH COMMUNITY SHIURIM: TESHUVA SHIUR

Sunday morning, September 8, 2013, 9:15am - 10:45am / Kollel / For Men

Shiur will be from 10:00 - 10:45am with guided preparation with a Kollel Rabbi from 9:15 - 10:00am. Basic familiarity with Talmud study helpful BUT NOT mandatory.

#### RABBI FRAND'S ANNUAL TESHUVA DRASHA (LIVE VIDEO BROADCAST)

#### Rabbi Yissocher Frand

Thursday, September 12, 8:00pm / Heritage Hall / For Men & Women / \$5 at the door

#### **BENA WOMEN TO WOMEN INSPIRATION**

#### Mrs. Chani Juravel

Wednesday, October 30

Guest speakers will inspire us every few months to fuel our ongoing spiritual growth. Our first speaker this year will be Mrs. Chani Juravel who will provide new perspectives.



Jodi Wittenberg, Co-President, Sisterhood

Sisterhood is getting revved up for another fun filled year of programs, fundraisers, friendships, and excitement!

Beth Jacob Sisterhood takes pride in supporting its auxiliary organizations and this summer we gifted the preschool a beautiful new bench for the children's outdoor big playground. It is a perfect place to relax after swinging, bike riding and sliding. The kids love this wonderful new addition!

Wednesday night, July 31 was our big night out at the Jewish Home for BINGO. Thank you to Sara Carter who lovingly arranges this opportunity for us each year.

Our children get to pick a "friend" to play BINGO with in the Garden Room at the home and the game is followed by

cookies and soda with their new "friends". We sponsor the cookies and the big \$1.00 tax free prizes that each player wins.

Beautify your Rosh Hashanah table with beautiful floral arrangements

and fruit baskets made by Barbara Fisher. Please be on the look out for upcoming details. Also for the holidays, join us in the Beth Jacob Sukkah for a Sisterhood sponsored Kiddush!

Sisterhood dues statements will be going out any day after the chagim (holidays). Dues are \$36 annually or \$250 for lifetime membership. (Please

note: We are sorry if you receive a bill in the mail and are a lifetime member. Our systems are not electronically savy, therefore we can not separate out lifetime members.)

Beth Jacob Sisterhood wishes you a Shana Tova U'Metukah!



## 50 Cemetery Guardians

Burt Wittenberg & Andy Lewis, Co-Chairs, Cemetery Guardians

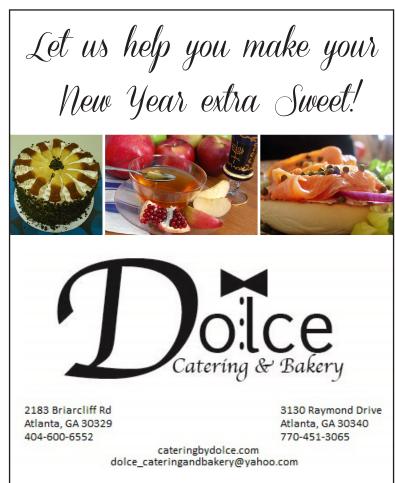
The Cemetery Guardians have been reviewing the Beth Jacob Cemetery records and expect the review to be completed this fall. At that point we will inform the Congregation with any updates.

Greenwood Cemetery is in need of some work at some of its sites. All concerned site owners will be contacted before any work is done.

Be on the look out for a revised Beth Jacob Cemetery Handbook. It is in the works and will be published this Fall.

There are still opportunities to sponsor benches in memory of your loved ones. Cost for a bench is \$3,600 payable over 4 years after an initial payment of \$1,000. The bench will be installed after the first payment.

Please contact Burt at bwitt613@bellsouth.net or Andy at rlrsouth@aol.com for more information.





## 50 Beth Jacob Preschool - Camp Bee Jay!

Mindy Tanenbaum, Preschool Director

The preschool has been blooming with fun this summer at Camp Bee Jay! The campers enjoyed an unprecedented eight weeks of camp programming filled with exciting activities with our experienced morahs. Each themed week was rich in child-directed arts and crafts, science and

discovery, and music and movement.



A few of the extra special highlights were pony rides, a visit from Gymboree Sports, the petting zoo, a preschooler construction zone, and a guest appearance from the Beth Jacob security officer Captain Braun with a police car. Our older campers had a great time on field trips. They enjoyed sitting in an airplane and touring a hangar at the Peachtree Dekalb Airport, participated in a building workshop at Home Depot, and went bowling together. A weekly music specialist, drama teacher, and Playball coach rounded out a



rewarding experience for every camper! Both parents and campers shared a fun evening at the annual camp picnic, with some last-minute rainy day set-up from our wonderful Beth Jacob maintenance staff! An indoor picnic equipped with a moon bounce, bubble zone, and indoor "playground" proved to be even better than braving the heat!

Throughout the school year our students have planted, nurtured, and observed the growth in our organic garden. Our



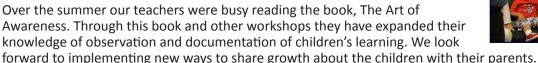
campers were thrilled this summer to taste the fruits of their labor! It was delightful to share in the children's pride and enthusiasm for snacking on cucumbers, green beans, tomatoes, and even potatoes that they picked themselves. A big thank you goes to Andy Lewis for crafting clear-view planters for us to observe the growth of root vegetables and root systems. Additional thanks for his donation of the protective cover for the 2013 Art Auction quilted tapestry designed by our students,

created by artist Lynette Joel, and donated

by our parents!

The preschool would also like to thank Beth Jacob's Sisterhood for the generous donation of a handcrafted bench encircling the tree on the large playground. This shady

seating will benefit students, teachers, and community members alike!





Our Beth Jacob Parents Group will be led this year by Sari Joel and Adi Rubin. They are full of new ideas about inviting friends and family into our school on a frequent basis during the year, starting with the 2nd annual 'Boo Hoo(ray) Breakfast' for new and veteran preschool parents. Those celebrating the momentous occasion of their child's first day of school will have the opportunity

to dry their eyes with the fellowship of moms and dads who have "been there before"!

Summer may be coming to a close but the love and learning in our preschool continues to bloom all year long! Just a few spaces remain for enrollment in the upcoming

school year. Please contact Mindy Tanenbaum, Preschool Director, at 678-244-6649 or mtanenbaum@bethjacobatlanta.org for a tour and more information.





## PowerAid: Thank You for Stepping Up to the Challenge!

We know you pay your member dues and Building Fund pledge.

We know you have all the regular expenses of a Jewish life...kosher food, school tuition, Shabbos and Yom Tov costs, and the list goes on.

We know you may send your kids to summer camp and take a much needed vacation.

We know you have your own high summer power bills to pay!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY in donating over \$9,300 as of August 6 to cover over 50% of our expected summer power bill at a time of year when we experience lower than usual cash flow!

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## Spotlight on the Shabbos Morning Nine Fif-TEEN Minyan

Harvey Steele, Executive Director

Someone's mother once said, "There's a lid for every pot." At Beth Jacob Atlanta, there is a Shabbos morning minyan for every taste.

Felice Lefkove

One of our special minyans meets in the Conference Room. For a number of years it has been called the Teen Minyan. Playing on the idea of naming a minyan after its starting time, as well as its mission as a youth-led service, this Shabbos Shacharis gathering is now known as the Nine Fif-TEEN Minyan. Most weeks it is led by Rabbi Shalom Yosef Horowitz, veteran of this group since 2010 and a Rebbe at Torah Day School of Atlanta.

The faithful attendees of this minyan see Rabbi Horowitz give a vort on the parsha, recognize the youth who lead the

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davening, and serve cholent. They may not be aware that he spends at least as much time per week to prepare as the davening itself takes to complete. Rabbi Horowitz arranges for teens or pre-teens to lead each part of the davening, lain the weekly Torah reading, and read the haftorah. He also makes his legendary cholent for the Kiddush from his special secret recipe, a dish so popular that it is sometimes requested as an add-on to Kiddushes sponsored for simchas in Heritage Hall. He needs to prepare his d'var Torah as well. Rabbi

Horowitz always has a smile on his face and a pleasant demeanor.

There is an eclectic mix of attendees at the Nine Fif-TEEN minyan. Of course there are the teens and pre-teens. There are fathers who like to daven with their teens, and even a few mothers and siblings. But there are also some adults who simply like the time and the ruach of this minyan. (According to one legend, the 9:00am minyan was started partly to provide another option for this last group so the Teen Minyan could return to its roots as a home for young men and their fathers. The 9:00am minyan has found its own success, but the Nine Fif-TEEN Minyan still has its "unaffiliated" adherents.)

There is a special peppy feel to this minyan. It proceeds at a spritely pace but also exudes a certain warmth that naturally comes from the leadership of the teens. The regular attendees of this minyan are loyal to it to a fault.

If you have not davened in the Nine Fif-TEEN Minyan recently, try it one Shabbos (whether you are a father of a teen or not) and see what the excitement is all about!

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## 50 Within Beth Jacob

#### **BIRTHS**

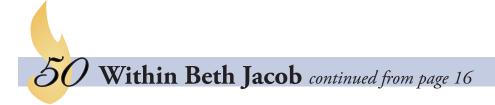
- Craig and Caryn Ashapa on the birth of their son, Aryeh
- Sam and Debby Bettsak on the birth of a grandson, born to Gabriel and Sharon Bettsak in Marietta
- Rabbi Mordechai and Nechoma Birnbaum on the birth of their daughter Chana Ahuva, and to grandparents Rabbi Moshe and Leah Hiller, and great-grandparents Selma Stern and Ben Hiller
- Rabbi Yehuda and Devora Boroosan on the birth of their granddaughter Emmunah, born to Bentzi and Aliza Bracha Back in Israel
- **Dr. Jay and Mindy Cinnamon** on the birth of a grandson, born to Noam and Rebecca Green
- Harriet Cortell on the birth of her grandson David Ezra, born to Dr. Ranon and Yael Cortell in Maryland
- Carole Feinberg on the birth of her grandson Stephen David, born to Rabbi Chaim and Jill Goldberger in Minneapolis, MN
- Rabbi Ilan and Miriam Feldman on the birth of their granddaughter Chana Rachel, born to Binyamin Yair and Ruchama Feldman in Israel, and to great-grandparents Rabbi Emanuel and Estelle Feldman
- Janie Feldman on the birth of her grandson Leib Beryl, born to Matthew and Gennye Krasner
- Joey and Kay Fink on the birth of their twin grandchildren Avraham Yishaya and Chana Rivkah, born to Rabbi Aharon and Devorah Fink in Lakewood, NJ
- Rabbi Binyomin and Dena Friedman on the birth of their grandson Aharon, born to Avraham Yakov and Orah Yehudis Becker in Jerusalem
- Rabbi Michoel and Ruthie Friedman on the birth of a son

- Rabbi Menashe and Randee
   Goldberger, and Rabbi Binyomin and
   Dena Friedman, on the birth of a grandson, born to Avigdor and Shaynie
   Goldberger in Minneapolis, MN
- Rabbi Daniel and Tova Gopin on the birth of their daughter Chana
- Michael and Rhonda Graiser on the birth of their grandson Baruch Tuvia, born to Simcha and Esther Beller in Jerusalem
- Ron and Kaye Green on the birth of their granddaughter Deena, born to Mayer and Rachel Green in Silver Spring, MD
- Rabbi Moshe and Leah Hiller on the birth of their grandson Yeshaya, born to Nachman and Baila Hiller in Los Angeles, and to great-grandparents Selma Stern and Ben Hiller
- Sam and Malka Kadish on the birth of their son Yoseph Chaim
- Drs. David and Debbie Mitchell on the birth of a grandson, Yitzchak, born to Aaron and Sara Kronenfeld in Jerusalem
- **Dr. Arie and Alyssa Pelta** on the birth of their daughter Ayelet Shifra
- Irvin and Linda Rabinowitz on the birth of their grandson Samuel Isaac, born to Avi and Chava Popack in Woodmere, NY
- Irvin and Linda Rabinowitz on the birth of their granddaughter Josie Joy, born to Josh and Malka Katzin in Oakland, CA
- **Dr. Kevin and Leah Rodbell** on the birth of their daughter Shira, and to grandparents **Paul and Cheryl Rodbell**
- Rabbi Moshe and Pamela Rose on the birth of their daughter Yehudis Zahava
- Terri Rosenfeld on the birth of her grandson Koren Eitan, born to Darren and Riva Wolkow
- Yechiel and Chana Saiman on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Chaim and Shari Saiman

- **Dr. Allen and Shelly Shaw** on the birth of their granddaughter Dina Malka, born to Rabbi Mordechai and Tsaffie Kreitenberg in Passaic, NJ
- Rabbi David and Julie Silverman on the birth of their grandson, Aron, born to Yaakov and Malka Silverman in Lakewood, NJ
- Rabbi Reuven and Rachel Stein on the birth of their grandson, Yitzchak Zev, born to Chaim and Bassy Stein
- Rabbi Asher and Shira Yablok on the birth of their son Gavriel Gershon
- Steve Zuckerman on the birth of his grandson Benyamin Yeshiah, born to Avraham and Penina Steinbruch in Israel

#### **ENGAGEMENTS/MARRIAGES**

- **Brooks Donner** on his marriage to **Leah Heller**
- Rabbi Michoel and Rivka Lipschutz on the marriage of their son Chaim Leib to Tehila Siedemann, daughter of Rabbi Jonathan and Michael Seidemann of Baltimore, MD
- Paul and Ilana Shenk on the engagement of their daughter Avital to Binyamin Goetz, son of Aryeh and Bracha Goetz of Baltimore, MD, and to grandfather Jack Shenk
- Gail Silverman on her marriage to Neal Mandelbaum of Great Neck, NY
- **Dr. Tom and Judy Spira** on the wedding of their son Menachem to Rachel Blinick, daughter of Abraham and Elkie Blinick of Toronto
- Rabbi Reuven and Rachel Stein on the marriage of their daughter Yehudis Rena to Yehuda Rothenberg, son of Yaacov and Debby Rothenberg of Detroit
- Harold and Shoshana Stiefel on the engagement of their daughter Ester to Dr. Yehuda Herschman, son of Drs. Heshy and Avia Herschman of West Hempstead, NY



#### **UPCOMING BAR MITZVAHS**

• Aharon Weiden, November 16

#### CONDOLENCES

- The family of Herman Beck
- Rabbi Shlomo Berkowitz on the loss of his mother, Sara Dina Berkowitz
- Rabbi Menachem Bornstein on the loss of his father, Mordechai Bornstein
- **Jeff Cohen** on the loss of his mother, Andrea Cohen
- Ruth Freundlich on the loss of her father, Julius Klugmann
- Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich on the loss of his grandfather Simcha Zimmel Ben Usher Zelig, z"l.
- Lorraine Oberlander on the loss of her husband, Seymour Oberlander

• Shoshana Stiefel on the loss of her mother, Helen Bogner

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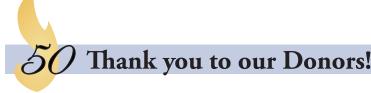
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#### IN HONOR OF

- Peyton & Elaine Alexander, on the birth of their grandson: Goldie Weinstein
- Ethan Arbiser, mazel tov on your graduation from Yishiva Atlanta: Andrew & Sydney Lewis and family
- Mr. Bobo Auerbach on his birthday, wishing you many healthy, happy more: Deena Koniver
- Rabbi Yehuda & Devorah Boroosan on the birth of their granddaughter, Emmunah: Drs. Jeff and Adina Jagoda, Rick & Tracy Rosenthal
- Rabbi Mordechai & Naomi Cohen for their Shabbos hospitality: Michael Frank
- Simcha Cohen, mazel tov on your graduation from Ohr Yisrael: Andrew & Sydney Lewis and family
- Dr. Ranon & Yael Cortell, on the birth of their son David Ezra: Harriet Cortell
- Rabbi & Mrs. Neuberger on their 60th anniversary: Dr. Allan & Sheila Bleich
- Len Epstein on his birthday: Drs. Sidney & Roni Funk, Dr. Stan & Sharon Harris
- Len & Sue Epstein on their 50th wedding anniversary: Drs. Sidney & Roni Funk
- Barbara Fisher: Dr. Allan & Sheila Bleich
- Rabbi Ilan Feldman for all his gracious help: Leah Pollock, Rabbi Zvi and Chana Shapiro
- Rabbi Ilan & Miriam Feldman: for their generosity and reflection of Hashem in our world: Ronda Robinson
- Rabbi Ilan & Miriam Feldman: Thank you for a beautiful Shabbos lunch: Larry & Eleanor Bogart
- Rabbi Ilan & Miriam Feldman, for a safe journey: Dr. Myron & Selma Schultz
- Rabbi Ilan & Miriam Feldman on the birth of their granddaughter: Drs. Rafael Harpaz and Elizabeth Herman

- Janie Feldman on the birth of her grandson: Rabbi Reuven & Rachel Stein
- Joey & Kay Fink, mazel tov on the new grandbabies: Dr. Stan & Sharon Harris, Neil and Marcy Kalnitz and family
- Fred Glusman: Bert & Lynn Bloomston
- Rabbi Menashe & Randee Goldberger on their new grandson: Dr. Norman & Barbara Freid, Drs. Rafael Harpaz and Elizabeth Herman
- Jennie Jacobson on her marriage to Shlomo Marks: Harriet & Netania Cortell
- Rabbi Dovid & Devorah Kapenstein on the wedding of their son, Yisrael: Dr. Rivkah (Diane) Farhi
- Charles Kaplan: Sharon Lichtenthal
- Chaim Leib Lipschutz, on his wedding: Aaron & Beth Valenta
- Deena Koniver on her birthday: Peyton & Elaine Alexander, Dr. Morton & Edie Barr, Morris & Rae Bellman, Dr. Allan & Sheila Bleich, Larry & Eleanor Bogart, Harriet Cortell, Abe & Faye Esral, Teddy Haber, Fred & Gloria Glusman, Gladys Hirsch, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Lischkoff, Rita Marokko, Regine Rosenfelder, Victor & Nelda Rousso, George & Michele Scheer, Dr. Myron & Selma Schultz,
- Rabbi Michael Kramer: Bert & Lynn Bloomston
- Allen Lipis, mazel tov on his book: Etta Raye Hirsch
- Judy Lipis: Rabbi Zvi & Chana Shapiro
- Rabbi Michoel & Rivka Lipschutz on the marriage of their son, Chaim Leib to Tehila Seidemann: Dr. Allen and Shelly Shaw.
- Sarah Leah Perlman (daughter of Lee & Jennifer Perlman) on her Bas Mitzvah: Andy & Sydney Lewis and family
- **Dr. Kevin Rodbell,** thank you for caring for our children: Mark & Karly Yaschik
- Terri Rosenfeld and family on her new grandson, Koren Eitan: Varda Liba Saul

- Jack Shenk on his birthday: Scott, Amy & Joshua Jacobson
- Jan, Rachel & Levi Siegelman with appreciation: Harriet Cortell
- Levi Siegelman on receiving the Eagle Scout Award: Andy & Sydney Lewis and family
- Menachem Spira on his marriage to Rachel Blinick of Toranto: Dr. Rafael Harpaz and Dr. Elizabeth Herman, Sharon Lichtenthal
- Harvey Steele on his one year anniversary as executive director: Mark & Karly Yaschik
- Yehudis Rena Stein on her wedding to Yehuda Rothenberg: Dr. Rivkah (Diane) Farhi, Andrew & Sydney Lewis and family
- Nata Saslofsky on his architectural degree: Andy & Sydney Lewis and family
- **Gidon & Simone Sobel,** for their hospitality: Steve Alhadeff
- Rabbi Reuven & Rachel Stein on their daughter Yehudas Rena's marriage to Yehuda Rottenberg: Dr. Allen & Shelly Shaw
- **Dr. Joe Tate,** for going above and beyond: Gavin & Beth Brown
- Dr. Joe, Phyllis, Avi & Rachel Tate: Steve Alhadeff
- Frank & Gail Vexler on the bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Zachary: Michael & Rhonda Graiser
- Gail Vexler, for her lovely smile and willingness to help others: Channah Garfinkel
- Nate Williams, mazel tov on your graduation from Weber: Andrew & Sydney Lewis and family
- **Dr. Barry & Vivian Zisholtz** on their daughter Stephanie's best novice nursing awards: Andrew & Sydney Lewis and family



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- Joel Cortell: Harriet Cortell
- Moshe Esral: Larry & Eleanor Bogart
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- Elijah Haviv (Eliyahu ben Nessom), grandson of Amy Simon Schwartz: Paul & Cheryl Rodbell
- Adina Jagoda's mother: Paul & Cheryl Rodbell
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- Dana Rubin's mother: Joan Goldman and Steven Rogers
- Lorraine Solstein: Jeffrey Jotkowitz
- Savta Weiselman: Bobby, Julie and Shani Weinmann

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- Ayala Sinai Azoorie: Elia & Adina Fischer and family
- Harry Bailer: Dr. Howard & Devorah Caplan
- Ann Bogart, Channah bas Lipa: Larry & Eleanor Bogart
- Dorothy Coplan, Sara Devorah bas Shmuel Dovid: Larry & Eleanor Bogart
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- Pearl Goodman: Bob & Sue Maran
- Siegfried Edmond Guggenheim: Stephen Guggenheim
- **Dr. Raymond Harris:** Dr. Stan & Sharon Harris

- Jacob & Pauline Kasten: Ed & Anita Nemeth
- Daniel "Dutch" Kohn: Audrey Berland
- Sabihe bat Khzori: Soad Naghi
- Saul & Shirley Nemeth: Ed & Anita Nemeth
- Yale & Rickelle New on the birth of their daughter, Chaya: Hunter & Stacey McGhee
- The Pelishev Family: the Fisher-Flusberg family (Benjie, Keren, Nina, Eliana & Nadov)
- Rabbi Yitzchok Perl: Elia & Adina Fischer
- Moshe (Morris) Rosenberg: Gillian Rosenberg and children
- **Beatrice Shapiro:** Rabbi Zvi & Chana Shapiro
- Chana Shapiro: Rabbi Zvi Shapiro
- Zellick Shapiro: Rabbi Zvi & Chana Shapiro
- Liam Vilensky: Burt & Doreen Wittenberg
- Marilyn Zuckerman: Dr. Howard & Devorah Caplan

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Getting Ready for an Aufruf or a Bar Mitzvah?

If you choose to provide candy to be thrown in Shul, please bring only soft candies, such as fruit jells, that are unlikely to cause an inadvertent injury during the celebration.

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### Schedule of Services

Friday	Parshas	Earliest Candle Lighting	Candle Lighting	Early Friday Mincha	Friday Mincha	Shabbos Mincha	Shabbos Ends	Weekday Mincha
Aug 23	Ki Savo	6:52PM	7:56PM	6:35PM	7:55PM	7:35PM	8:48PM	7:55PM
Aug 30	Nitzavim - Vayeilech	6:44PM	7:47PM	6:30PM	7:45PM	7:25PM	8:39PM	7:45PM
Sept 6	Haazinu		7:38PM		7:40PM	7:20PM	8:29PM	7:35PM
Sept 13	Yom Kippur		7:28PM		7:30PM	7:10PM	8:20PM	7:25PM
Sept 20	Sukkos		7:18PM		7:20PM	7:00PM	8:10PM	7:15PM
Sept 27	Bereishis		7:09PM		7:10PM	6:50PM	8:00PM	7:05PM
Oct 4	Noach		6:59PM		7:00PM	6:40PM	7:51PM	6:55PM
Oct 11	Lech Lecha		6:50PM		6:50PM	6:30PM	7:42PM	6:45PM
Oct 18	Vayeira		6:41PM		6:40PM	6:25PM	7:33PM	6:40PM
Oct 25	Chayei Sarah		6:34PM		6:35PM	6:15PM	7:26PM	6:30PM
Nov 1	Toldos		6:27PM		6:25PM	6:10PM	7:19PM	5:25PM
Nov 8	Vayeitzei		5:21PM		5:20PM	5:05PM	6:13PM	5:20PM
Nov 15	Vayishlach		5:16PM		5:15PM	5:00PM	6:08PM	5:15PM