



## From Our Rabbi....Eric Rosin



As summer draws to a close, I invite you to close your eyes and to summon the images of the past few months. And thanks to Facebook, we are no longer limited to images of our own travels and expeditions. I have no complaints about my family's summer, but due to the wonders of the internet, the beautiful scenery from our trips to the Berkshires and to the shore of Lake Michigan are intermingled with my friends' breathtaking postings of photographs of the Rocky Mountains, the Greek Islands, as well as African safaris, summer camps, the Jersey Shore and, of course, tours of the Israeli countryside.

As I sit at my desk back in Metuchen and contemplate my never-ending to-do list, all I have to do is mentally review some of these images, whether they are my own pictures of a Great Lakes lighthouse silhouetted by the Midwestern sunset, or my friends' photos of quaint European town squares, and I begin to feel my shoulders unclench and my breath slow and deepen and some of the tension begin to seep away.

So here's the question: Acknowledging the power of these visual cues, why don't we utilize more images in our prayer and our spiritual life? Of course, there is beautiful Jewish ritual art, but, for the most part our sanctuaries are ornamented with beautiful ritual objects and are not replete with inspiring images. We turn to Psalms about nature rather than contemplating a representation of the snow-covered

mountains or awe-inspiring canyons.

During the upcoming *Yamim Nora'im*, or High Holy Days, we will spend more time in the sanctuary than at any other time of the year, focusing on the words in our *mahzorim*, the special High Holy Day prayer books, losing ourselves in the music of the liturgy and poetry of our rabbis and scholars, but I hope it doesn't sound too juvenile to ask, would it have killed them to have occasionally interrupted the text with a picture or two?

It turns out that I'm not the first to ask this question (although others have asked in more mature ways). **Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel**, may his memory be for a blessing, examines the use of images and symbolism in our tradition in a few of his writings. He observes that our synagogues are largely bereft of images out of an exaggerated caution that we not confuse a lovely picture of a mountain or a magnificent image of a sunrise with the kind of representation of God that is prohibited by the second of the Ten Commandments.

But, Rabbi Heschel continues, even though there are so few examples of representational art in our prayer spaces, we should still be aware that our sanctuaries are full of images of God. According to Heschel, since human beings are created in the divine image, every single person present is an image of God.

And with that powerful observation, Heschel has transformed my experience of

communal

prayer. As beautiful as this world can be, how much more powerful is it to realize that every time we look into the face of another person, we are seeing an image of God? Over the coming weeks, remind yourself of this when you are in the sanctuary during the Holy Days and on Shabbat. When your mind wanders and you are looking for inspiration, find the spark of holiness in the people around you, your family, your friends, and even the people you don't even know.

And perhaps, most importantly, over the coming year, when you are not in the sanctuary, try to do the same thing. When you interact with others in meetings, during social events, even when you are running errands, look at the people around you and remember that you are surrounded by images of God. Admittedly, this may not always be easy, but a consciousness of what is sacred in the people around you can only elevate and transform your life.

If we can maintain this kind of awareness, just imagine the kind of synagogue, community and world that we will be able to create over the months and years to come.

L'shanah tova, please accept Jen's, Sam's and my best wishes for a sweet, happy and healthy year to come.



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# Notes from the Hazzaan

By Hazzaan Sheldon Levin

## Change is Hard!

One of my teachers taught that “no one likes change. We only change when the pain of changing is less than the pain of not changing.” No one likes to go on a diet and give up ice cream and other sweets. However, if being overweight is making life so difficult that we can’t function then we are more likely to exercise and eat differently.

The High Holidays offer us similar opportunities. If we are comfortable doing things the way we have always done them then we are likely to continue doing them that way. If praying regularly has not been part of someone’s schedule, I doubt that the rabbi’s sermon or a cantor’s prayer is going to make you wake up early every morning and attend morning minyan. If it’s something that you find fulfilling and brings comfort in a stressful world you might decide to start coming more often.

If you wish to continue to not keep kosher, shop on Saturday or go to work on holy days, Yom Kippur services are likely not to change your patterns. If you see the benefit in shutting down your electronic devices one day a week, then Shabbat may be able to bring you more comfort and joy. The choices are always ours to make. Which mitzvot do we wish to observe and which should we ignore? Am I better off doing something for the moment or instead do things that will help others? What kind of person do I wish to be and how do I want to be remembered?

Elul (the month prior to Rosh Hashanah) and the Holy Days give us opportunities to evaluate who we are and what we want to be. We can change but we need to do this consciously and with purpose. The *Machzor* (High Holiday Prayerbook) we use has many wonderful readings that can teach us right from wrong. The Rabbi’s sermons, the chanting of many prayers and Torah teachings can inspire us to raise ourselves to higher levels.

In the Kaddish prayer the rest of the year we ask that our prayers go up (*L’eila*). On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we add an extra “*L’eila*” so that our prayers go higher and even higher. I urge you to think about the words we will be chanting, to read the translations and commentaries and to bring yourself into the experience. Synagogue worship is not designed for observers; we all need to be participants. We lift our voices together, as one community, and it can help lift us all.

As the synagogue this year goes through transitions of changing personnel, I urge us all to use this coming holiday season as a time for us each to think about how we personally might change. If we change, what do we want our changes to be? Then we can pray together to move in the new directions that will make us all better as individuals and as a community.



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**Correction**  
 On June 10 we celebrated the aufruf of **Seth Lerman** and **Sheira Feuerstein**. Sheira’s last name was spelled incorrectly in a previous publication. We apologize.

### IN MEMORIAM



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mother of Warren Lorch
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*Dream Weavers  
 in the Neve Shalom  
 Loom Room*



**Barbara Spack,** at the completion of weaving her own custom tallit, wrote: “*Sheheyanu, vekiamanu, vehigyanu lazman hazeh! I began a new adventure and today I completed it. When the opportunity to learn how to weave on the loom in my synagogue, Neve Shalom, came along, I signed up. What a wonderful experience: fun, challenging, soothing, exciting and now completed! Thanks to the Sisterhood volunteers for their assistance and encouragement.*”

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# From the Synagogue President

By Debbie Schildkraut

I am so thrilled to greet you at the start of this new year, and I am deeply honored to serve as your President. Many people have given me warm wishes of congratulations and encouragement, while others have asked “why on earth would you take on such a hard role?” and “Do you know what you got yourself into?”

The truth is, I am truly honored to take on this important role and help represent and support all of you. I’d like to thank so many of you who have expressed your good wishes.

Why take on this role? When I think about why - - there are many reasons. For one, it’s helping do my part to support Jewish continuity. Much of my inspiration for volunteering and community service came from my grandparents and parents. They were life-long volunteers in their communities, which I quickly emulated early in my life. However, it is their story and their commitment to Judaism and their communities, despite all odds, that really set the stage. My grandparents were originally from Istanbul, Turkey but ended up in Athens, Greece when my grandfather opened a branch of the bank he worked for in Athens. Together, they started a new life in Athens and raised six children. The biggest challenge was that this was in the early 1940s. Not an easy time to be a Jew in war-torn Europe. Somehow my mother’s family survived, but not without taking many risks. My grandmother volunteered with the Red Cross and brought food and supplies to different families, some in hiding like her own. She was fluent in German, French and other languages, and this proved to be very helpful. My grandfather and uncle helped with the Jewish “underground” movement to strategize and help Jews to seek safe hiding or escape. When WWII was over, by some miracle, my mother’s family remained in-tact. They had lost virtually everything, and post-war Greece was not very friendly to Jews. Where religion and school were not separated, my mother and aunt would not make the sign of the cross, and they were ostracized by teachers and students. Eventually the family came to the United States. It would be difficult to find a Jewish spouse for my mom and her siblings, and difficult to have a good life in a hostile environment. While she was deep in her Greek roots, my mother’s Sephardic Judaism was more powerful than ever, and her commitment to Judaism never wavered.

My father was an American born of parents from Bilsk, a little town near Bialystok, which was Russia on one grandparent’s passport and Poland on the other. He came from a strong Ashkenazi observant Jewish home. He had plans to make aliyah to Israel, and was on the verge of joining the army in the late 1950s, when he “briefly” came back to the US. It was then that he met my mother, and it was love at first sight. Ashkenazi boy meets Sephardic Greek girl!

Both of them have always instilled strong Jewish values and were great role models. Both were teachers and lifelong volunteers. My father served on the Board of Trustees at our shul, he was the Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias – Cardozo Lodge - a

Jewish lodge and brotherhood, served many roles in Men’s Club and also held major positions in the NYC Teachers Union. My mom also served on the synagogue Board of Trustees, was Vice President of Education, held every role in Sisterhood, was Sisterhood president for several years, was very involved in Women’s League, and eventually in Hadassah.

Being involved in your community and giving back has always been crucial to them and to me. I’ve been volunteering since I was in school. In my adult life, on the Jewish side, countless positions over 18 years in Hadassah at the Metuchen-Edison Chapter, NJ Region and National level, and positions here in the synagogue in membership, education, and much more. On the secular side: I’ve served on my University Alumni Association Board and Executive Board, was President of the School of Business Alumni Association for three years, a Girl Scout Leader, Soccer Mom, PTA mom, Class Mom, President of the Board of the Middlesex Academy for SME, and JPS Band Parents Association President.

My experience and my passion are focused on the importance of creating positive experiences and meaningful connections that resonate for our community at all ages. My over-arching goals for the next two years are to help make your experiences here part of your positive life-long experiences no matter what age or level of Jewish intensity you are at. Some of the key strategic areas include: 1) building upon the life-long learning experiences provided here, starting with creative Jewish engagement for our children up through adults; 2) increasing Neve Shalom’s presence and awareness in the broader community – showing how we are a good neighbor and providing value to people in Metuchen and the surrounding towns, and 3) providing a supportive and meaningful environment to fill spiritual, intellectual and social needs, 4) ensuring things in the synagogue run smoothly by filling gaps and implementing a true annual plan that provides goals, priorities and clear actions for how to get things done, and 5) instilling open dialogue and true collaboration across everyone in our Kehillah. Working together, we can do even greater things.

To kick-off programming that supports each of these strategic focus areas, we are bringing in world-renowned artist **Mordechai Rosenstein** in November for a five-day artist-in-residence extended weekend. His warmth and creativity combined with the interactive program we are planning will be memorable. This type of opportunity is one of the ways I envision our being able to deliver a multi-generational and multi-educational array of events that can engage our current members and potential members of all ages.

I look forward to keeping an open dialogue with all of you, and working with our dedicated staff and volunteers. We can’t thank you enough for being a part of our Neve Shalom family!



Sign up to be a HOST and get involved for one or more of the following 2017-2018 dates:  
Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9,  
Mar. 9, May 11, June open oneg –location TBA

Whether you serve chicken or pizza, by lighting candles, saying the three brachot, and having a table filled with friends and family, you are separating the week from Shabbat, and showing your families the importance of this sacred time together and helping our Neve community grow closer together.

Once you sign up, you’ll be provided with all the tools you need to pull off the dinner, including a challah and a challah roll, a set of candles, a brochure with the three blessings, conversation starter cards and some recipes. Ask any of the hosts, this is a most rewarding experience, whether it’s your first time or you celebrate Shabbat every week.

All you have to do to sign up is email us at [guesswhosneve@gmail.com](mailto:guesswhosneve@gmail.com) or call **Jennifer Bullock** at 908-510-4005 or **Julie Hersch** at 732-742-8613.



# Hebrew School News

By Sharon Diamondstein



*"Fall is here, Hear the yell  
Back to school, Ring the bell  
Brand new shoes, Walking blues  
Climb the fence, Books and pens  
I can tell that we are gonna be friends"*



for the upcoming year is that we represent ourselves *Betzelem Elokim*. The first way we will do this is by painting a rock that expresses a way in which we feel we were created in God's image. This is not just an activity for the students of the religious school, but one in which the entire congregation can, and is encouraged to participate.

**S**o starts one of my favorite songs. September is about new beginnings and new adventures. For all of us, a new school year is upon us. I am thrilled to be working closely with **Rabbi Rosin, Hazzan Levin, Judi Harrison, Debbie Schildkraut** and other members of various committees. We are starting a new journey together here at Neve Shalom, and I am excited to share my vision with the you.

As we embark upon the new school year and the new Jewish calendar year, let us continue to represent ourselves *Betzelem Elokim*.

Together with various members of the synagogue, I spent this summer to reimagining Shabbat 2.0, Hebrew School activities, and ways to increase family engagement. I also would welcome the opportunity to meet all of you as we start the year off.

*"...and when I wake tomorrow I'll bet  
That you and I will walk together again  
I can tell that we  
are gonna be friends"*

Our teachings tell us that we are all created *Betzelem Elokim*, or in God's image. We will be incorporating this concept throughout the year into our Israel theme. As we are One Community, it is my hope

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# Nursery School News

By Martha Mack, Director

Welcome back to school to all of our Nursery School families. We hope everyone had a fabulous summer! While everyone was having fun in the sun, we were busy sprucing up our classrooms with a brand new coat of paint, new area rugs, new tile flooring in our 2-1/2 year old classroom, updated furniture and toys, and last but not least.... a freshly sealed rubberized surface on the playground. Our teaching staff has been very busy preparing a fun and exciting school year filled with activities, projects, and learning opportunities for all of our students.

We are also proud to continue our innovative "My Jewish Journey" program! Beginning in September, there will be a monthly one hour program on a designated Sunday morning designed specifically for young Jewish families to learn, interact, and create together! We will explore Jewish holidays and values through art, music, cooking, storytelling, games, and activities designed specifically for you and your preschool aged child. We have nine sessions scheduled once a month on Sunday mornings from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, from September through May. Please contact **Martha Mack** if you have any questions or wish to sign up for this wonderful monthly program!

To cover the cost of these upgrades to our school facility, we started a fundraising campaign in the spring and were lucky enough to receive a generous anonymous offer of a matching donation for all donations (up to \$2,500) received. So many of our Nursery School families and synagogue members were kind enough to donate and we are closing in on our challenge goal of \$2,500. We would appreciate any additional donations to take full advantage of the matching offer. As one of our Nursery School parents so eloquently stated in a note alongside their donation...she and her family "feel totally blessed to be a part of the warm, loving, authentic, Neve community." Thank you in advance for your contribution, our Nursery School children will reap the benefits of your generosity for many years to come.

Our "Just Me" program, for ages 2 to 2-1/2 years old, meets on Monday and/or Wednesday from 9:15 am – 11:15 am and our "Mommy & Me" program, for ages 18 mos – 2 years old, meets on Tuesdays from 9:05 am – 10:05 am. If you are interested in registering your child, or have any questions regarding these wonderful programs for our littlest ones, please contact Martha Mack 732-548-2238, ext. 17 or check out our website at [www.neveshalom.net](http://www.neveshalom.net) for registration forms and more information!

This year we are so proud to be kicking off our Full Day Kindergarten and Kindergarten Wrap programs to a full house of eager students. Our certified teacher will be providing fun and exciting learning opportunities in all areas of interest that are age appropriate to enhance the public school kindergarten experience including reading, math, science, and writing skills.

We look forward to a fun school year with all of our Nursery School friends and families!





## Adult Ed News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

On Saturday evening, September 16 after Shabbat ends we will begin our Selichot service and program. This year's Selichot prayers will be in the style of some of the new Independent Minyanim such as Rom'nu, Machon Hadar, Lab Shul and Ikar. We have selected melodies and niggunim (tunes) by composers who pray in those settings and we will also do some traditional prayer settings that are familiar to Neve Shalom worshippers. This is not a concert and we want everyone to participate. **Rabbi Rosin** and I will include opportunities for readings and melodies that we hope you will find uplifting and moving. Desserts will be served after the Selichot service.

At 9:00 pm, thanks to a generous donor, we will be showing a recent theatrical film with no admission fee. "Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a NY Fixer" stars **Richard Gere**. Norman (Richard Gere) knows the right people and tries to get things done. When an Israeli dignitary (**Lior Ashkenazi**) comes to the city, Norman impresses the man by buying him very expensive shoes. It works and they establish a strong connection. A few years later, when this diplomat becomes Israel's prime minister, issues arise.

Well-known actors including **Dan Stevens, Michael Sheen, Steve Buscemi** and **Hank Azaria** play minor parts. The fine Israeli actor, Lior Ashkenazi, plays the Israeli Prime Minister. It is directed by **Joseph Cedar** who has won numerous awards for his Israeli films. This is his first movie made in America. The film is in English and will give us a lot to discuss after the showing.

On Friday, September 15 at the 7:30 pm service, we begin this year's Gilbert & Claudie Hayat Adult Ed speaker series with a most timely and important subject: "The Wall and Conversion: Issues Dividing the Jewish People". Over the summer, the Israeli government stopped work on an egalitarian prayer area at the Southern part of the Western Wall (Hakotel). The Knesset also extended additional control over conversion to Ultra-Orthodox (Haredim) religious leaders who quickly published a long list of American rabbis whose conversions would not be acceptable in Israel. These changes both took place when Jewish Federation leaders from around the world were meeting in Israel which received a lot of publicity.

**Rabbi Andrew Sacks**, (pictured, right) the Rabbinical Assembly's (Conservative Movement) leader in Israel who was born and raised in Philadelphia has been living in Israel for over 30 years. He has been involved in protests and demonstrations and very outspoken on these issues of acceptance for Reform and Conservative conversions and for women and egalitarian worship at the Kotel (The Western Wall) for many decades. He is often quoted in Israeli media on these topics and has been one of the negotiators representing Conservative Jews that worked on the compromise that was accepted in 2016. He is passionate and knowledgeable on these concerns and a very dynamic and exciting speaker. We urge you to hear the "behind the scenes" stories of what has been happening in Israel. Perhaps during the discussion after refreshments you can personally suggest ideas that he could bring back to the Israeli government that might help bring Jews, Orthodox and Liberal, together as one people.



## Ritually Speaking

By Andrea L. Colby, Vice President, Ritual

With the turning of a new year on the Hebrew calendar, I am in the process of taking on and learning about my new role as Vice President of our Neve Shalom Ritual portfolio. I know **Christina Daniels'** are large shoes to fill, but I hope, with your help, to be able to fulfill this new role to the best of my ability! My family and I have been members of Neve Shalom for the past 23 years and treasure its camaraderie and warmth, and we consider our shul our "home-away-from-home" through happy as well as challenging times.



My vision for our Ritual portfolio for the next two years is to join with our congregation in exploring Jewish ritual in a meaningful way. One of the reasons we have rituals in our lives is to help us be mindful of and appreciate our lives as well as to bring meaning to our lives. Some rituals mark rare or once-in-a-lifetime events (birth, grief, wedding, etc.). Some rituals mark events that take place several times a day (blessings over meals, kashrut, religious services). But generally, Jewish rituals are intended to celebrate, support and/or give meaning to all of these events and help us become mindful of our activities and behaviors.

Our goal as a Ritual Committee is to help our Community learn about and "live" these rituals so they can find joy and comfort through Jewish experiences. We will aim to help everyone in our Community to learn about, understand and experience how our Jewish rituals, developed over the past two to three thousand years, lend meaning to our lives. So look for announcements about upcoming opportunities as we move through the year!

The High Holy Days are coming up in September and we have worked hard to provide opportunities for everyone in our Community, from tots to adults, to experience them in a personally meaningful way. In addition to our traditional services in the sanctuary, we will have alternative services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur entitled "Searching for Meaning". These services will explore the deep significance of important High Holy Day liturgy through recitation, discussion, drama and melody to bring deeper understanding of and personal connection to the High Holy Days. We look forward to seeing you there!

And of course, please feel free to join us at our Ritual Committee meetings. They take place the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 – 9 in the evening. We are always looking for fresh viewpoints and welcome everyone to participate in our lively discussions. Shana tova—best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!



By Chef Lon

# The Jewish Revolutionaries

## A Revolutionary Man

On September 3, we commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Paris. This is the negotiated treaty by **John Adams**, **Benjamin Franklin**, and **John Jay** that ended the Revolutionary War and also established the recognition of the United States by the British as a sovereign nation. We know of these gentlemen, and other founding fathers, but we rarely read of the Jewish heroes of the revolution.

**Haym Salomon** is a name to those whom helped to ensure that the struggle against the British king was successful. He is known as one of the two persons that financed the American Revolution (the other, another unknown hero, by the name of **Robert Morris**). Without his financial strategy and personal sacrifices, the United States may still be under British rule.

After escaping a British death sentence, he worked as an agent to the French consul and began working extensively with Robert Morris, the Superintendent of Finance for the Colonies. By creating and using a strategy of converting French (and Dutch) loans into ready cash (thousands purchased with his own money and property), which were sold as bill of exchange to Morris, he was able to raise over \$650,000.

It was the last of the money raised that had the most impact. When **Cornwallis** was trapped at Yorktown, and Washington needed the funds for provisions and troops to besiege the British – he exclaimed “Send for Haym Salomon” who was to find the money since the American war chest was completely empty. Salomon was able to raise \$20,000 (including \$1,400 personally donated by Morris). This campaign was to be the final blow. Cornwallis surrendered thereby ending the war.

## Doing Their Part

There were other Jews that served the revolutionaries that also should not be forgotten:

- **Fancis Salvador** – The first Jew elected to public office in the colonies as member of the Provincial Congress. He was the first Jew to die in the cause of American independence (on July 1, 1776).
- **Morecai Sheftall** – Head of the local revolutionary committee, and responsible for provisioning the troops. As a Deputy Commissary of Issue, he was the highest ranking officer in the Continental Army. He was imprisoned by the British in 1778 and freed in 1780.
- **Reuben Etting** – Enlisted in the Continental army, then became imprisoned. Upon learning that he was Jewish, they only fed him port, which he refused – this led to his untimely death in prison.
- **Reuben Etting II** – A cousin of the above, fought for the American troops, and was appointed by **President Thomas Jefferson** as a US Marshall.
- **Abigail Minis** – She supplied provisions to Washington’s troops, until being stopped by the British authorities.
- Two brothers, **David Salisbury Franks** and **Isaac Franks**, served as officers in the Continental Army.
- **Isaac Moses**, a ship owner, outfitted privateers to harass British shipping or to run through the British blockade to provide the army with supplies and provisions. Many other Jewish merchants (especially from Newport, Rhode Island) had also done the same. Most lost all of their fortunes due to the cost of the war.

- **Mathias Bush** – President of the Mikve Israel Congregation and the first person to sign his name in a petition against the Stamp Tax in October of 1765.
- Of the approximately 2000 Jews that lived within the 13 colonies. One hundred of them became soldiers that fought in almost every major battle from Bunker Hill to Valley Forge.

## French Connection

The French had a huge impact on the outcome of the Revolutionary War. If it was not for their men, provisions, and loans, the Continental Army would have been routed early in its ordeal, nor would it have been able to bring about one of the final blows that led to surrender of Cornwallis to end the war.

Prior to the war, the relationship between the French and the Colonists were shaky at best. Due to this adversarial relationship, French food was not found very often in the colonies; there was even a disdain towards French cooking. Even in areas, such as Louisiana, which had large French populations had begun to create and adopt their own style of cuisine. However, towards the end of the war, as the relationship began to warm, French food began to make its way into some early American households. Towards the end of the War, **Hannah Glasse’s** cookbook, *The Art of Cookery made Plain and Easy*, began including recipes for French dishes. Due to the French Revolution, a number of French chefs immigrated to the U.S., bringing the culinary influence of their country with them.

For an unabridged version, including a discussion of a Jewish founding father, see <https://foodhistoryreligion.wordpress.com/>.

## The Recipe

Since we are in a French state of mind, let’s make . . .

### Quick Quiche Lorraine.

#### Ingredients

- 1 layer pastry dough
- 2 Tbs imitation bacon pieces
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ Tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp white pepper
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg
- 1 ½ cups shredded gruyere cheese

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375.
2. Place pastry dough over round deep-dish pan.
3. Sprinkle half of the imitation bacon bits onto pastry dough.
4. Beat eggs and mix with remainder of bits, heavy cream, salt, pepper, nutmeg, and cheese; add mixture to deep dish.
5. Put into oven and bake for 45-50 minutes (eggs should be set).
6. Cool and serve.

Keep on Cookin’,  
Chef Lon



## Called to the Torah

By Flora Cowen

On Saturday, September 9, Benjamin Kupersmit, the son of Andrew and Terri Kupersmit, will become a bar mitzvah. His sister Lilly and his brother Nate will be celebrating Ben's bar mitzvah, along with his



paternal grandparents, Dr. Marvin and Rita Kupersmit from Jupiter, FL; his maternal grandparents, Chung Chin and Myong Hui Yun; Uncle Brian Kupersmit from Chicago, IL; Uncle Scott Kupersmit and Aunt Keisha DeShields from Mt. Laurel, NJ; and Aunt Chi Yun and Uncle Matthew Swiezynski from Brooklyn, NY.

Ben is in the 8th grade at Edgar Middle School in Metuchen, where his favorite subjects are Art and Construction Projects.

Ben participates in several sports, including track, soccer, and flag football, and he also enjoys playing Madden on PS4. In addition, Ben plays the clarinet and has been playing it for three years. "And I like spending time with my friends."

In family travels, Ben has been to 19 US states, including the District of Columbia, and, he tells us, "I would love to travel to Europe and Israel."

Ben's mitzvah project is "...still a work in progress for me. While I have many big ideas for my mitzvah project, I have been talking to a couple of local nursery schools to volunteer my time."

Looking to the future, Ben reports, "I am passionate about American football and aspire to become an NFL general manager."

Brian Schuetz, the son of Gail and John Schuetz, will become a bar mitzvah Saturday, September 16. Brian's brother Logan will join in the celebration, along with close relatives (and members of Neve Shalom) Grandma Marilyn Miller from Edison, Aunt Lauren and Uncle Jon Rabinowitz, and cousins Benjamin and Samantha Rabinowitz, from Metuchen. (Brian is carrying on a memorable family tradition since his mother Gail, his Aunt Lauren, his Uncle Jon, and his cousin Benjamin all celebrated their bat/bar mitzvahs at Congregation Neve Shalom!)



Brian is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Edison where his

favorite subjects are Math and Physical Education. At Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Brian is a member of the soccer team, and he also plays on an inter-county soccer team for Edison United Soccer Association (EUSA). And "For fun," Brian tells us, "I enjoy tennis and skiing."

In addition to his involvement in sports, Brian also plays trumpet for the Thomas Jefferson Middle School Band, and in his spare time, he enjoys playing video games like Mario Maker and FIFA Soccer.

Brian and his family vacation every summer at Beach Haven Gardens on Long Beach Island, NJ, and family travels have taken him to Washington, D.C.; Miami, FL; San Diego and Los Angeles, CA; Salem and Portland, OR; as well as a cruise to Florida and the Bahamas, and a visit to Atlantis in the Bahamas.

For his mitzvah project, Brian raised money for the National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF) by participating in the Tortoise and Hair Walk at the NAAF annual conference in Miami, FL, in June 2017. Brian supports NAAF since he has alopecia areata, which caused him to lose all his hair when he was nine years old. "That is why I wear a baseball hat at services, instead of a kippah."

## UPDATES FROM THE "EMERITUS"

What's our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Gerald Zelizer, doing these days? He continues "rabbi-ing" in various settings. Rabbi Zelizer, who especially enjoyed teaching adult classes at Neve Shalom, continues to teach adult education courses in synagogues throughout the greater New York area and beyond. His courses focus on two relevant and current subjects which he has developed extensively since his retirement.

The first is "Religion and Violence: Why and What Can We Do About It?"

The course deals with this important subject through lectures, class discussion, audio visual material. It includes source material from Judaism, Christianity and Islam which deal with the subject. Most of the classes are within area synagogues: Caldwell, Briarcliff Manor, Oceanside, Long Island and also Atlanta, Georgia. One class series is in an interfaith context in a synagogue, Catholic Church and Islamic center in northern New Jersey.

Rabbi Zelizer is excited about being able to teach and discuss this crucial current topic with laity 'on the ground'. He is happy to (at least on a microcosmic and interpersonal level) lessen the level of religious conflict.

He also has taught a second subject in Princeton, Caldwell and South Orange synagogues. The topic is "What Can One Believe in the 21st Century? - The Thought of Four Modern Jewish Thinkers." Synagogue Jews are taught a lot about ritual and our connection to Israel. They hear less about understandings of God and working out a belief system which can ground their observance of mitzvot, prayer, and attachment to Israel. The rabbi's course provides that framework. Both courses have been attended by many adult students.

The rabbi is also continuing his study of Yiddish which he never learned as a child, even though his father was fluent. He studies

Yiddish at the Workman's Circle and Yivo - both in NYC and online.

"Realistically, I will never be a fluent speaker.

The course is not like an ulpan — total immersion, but is rather geared to reading and understanding a Yiddish text." he says. "My Yiddish teachers have brought me to the point of being able to understand classic Yiddish stories and narratives - at least with a dictionary. I am proud to have advanced from the lowest rung—beginner to beginning intermediate - the next lowest rung, but above the lowest rung!"

The rabbi continues to be a regular contributor on issues of religion and



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# Membership Memo

By Steven Schneider, Vice President, Membership



**One Community.** Every Jewish journey is unique. Neve Shalom is here to support you on your journey. Together, we build One Community.

The building of our Community is the driving force behind all the work we are doing on the Membership Committee. But how do we build a community? Why even do this work? What does One Community really look like?

On its most basic level, a community is a group of people with some level of shared interest. Each member of the community has a vested interest in the success of the overall community and in each of its members. The key to a successful community is that we care about each other.

Bringing together a group of people with shared interests that care about each other requires work. Getting to know each other; learning about our each other; understanding what motivates each of us, is the beginning towards building a strong community. Taking the time to acknowledge our success, our failures, our happiness, and our sadness builds those connections that make our community what it is.

Acknowledging each other is an important step but more is required to really build a strong community. Truly caring about each other is most important. Having passion for the health and growth of the community is critical. Connections with each other are the lifeblood of that empathy and that enthusiasm.

One Community is about more than all that. One Community is a space, a culture, a spirit, a place where we can all feel comfortable being who we are, with all the support we need, and without the judgement we don't want. One Community is the spiritual sustenance that we all need and can't get anywhere else.

Help us build the One Community we all need. Help us build the connections that are so important to this work. The Membership Committee will be reaching out to all of you in the coming months. Share with us what is going on in your lives. Open your hearts and your minds to the Community around you. Let us know about your friends and your neighbors. Help us help you make those connections.

*Building One Community requires that we all work together and support each other. This is important, fun, and rewarding work. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please do not hesitate to let me know via email at [membership@neveshalom.net](mailto:membership@neveshalom.net) or in-person.*

Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah during the months of June and July. T=Teen, JR=Junior

## JUNE

Jake Bullock .....	1
Jennifer Bullock .....	1
Andrea Colby .....	2
Lawrence Dombrow .....	1
Michael Friederwitzer .....	1
Eric Goldman .....	1
Rosalie Green .....	2
Bruce Greenberg .....	3
Farrah Grubman .....	T 1
Miriam Kafker .....	2
Shira Kafker .....	1
Elliot Kramer .....	1
Joshua Lemerman.....	1
Elisa Pinkowitz .....	T 1
Hayley Pinkowitz .....	T 1
Mark Rosenfield .....	2
Debbie Schildkraut .....	2
Stacey Sern .....	20
Martin Slutzky.....	1
Arlene Smith .....	1
Barbara Spack.....	4
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Allen Stern .....	1
Karen Weinstein .....	1
David Yellin .....	20

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Sidney Krane	
Hayley Pinkowitz .....	T
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Barbara Spack	
Ed Thompson	

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Andrea Colby .....	1
Lawrence Dombrow .....	4
Michael Friederwitzer .....	2

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Bruce Greenberg .....	2
Miriam Kafker.....	1
Rena Kallman.....	3
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Debbie Schildkraut .....	2
Adam Schlitt .....	1
Stacey Sern .....	1
Arlene Smith.....	1
Barbara Spack.....	6
Lisa Spiegel .....	1
Allen Stern .....	1
Karen Weinstein .....	12
David Yellin .....	9

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Shaina Garb .....	JR
Matan Pepperstone .....	JR

Join Us!

On Simchat Torah, Neve Shalom will be honoring two members who have made significant contributions to the synagogue community. They will be given the aliyot which complete the yearly reading of the Torah and begin the new cycle. At the evening service on Thursday, October 12 and at the morning service on Friday, October 13, **David Lemerman** and **Wendy Kushner** will receive these honors. Mark your calendar and look for bios of David and Wendy in the October bulletin!

## High Holy Day Honors: Giving Thanks

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we take the opportunity during this time to express our gratitude to our members who have gone above and beyond to create and sustain our synagogue Community. Our synagogue has few opportunities during the year simply to say “thank you” to our colleagues who help keep the synagogue Community going.



We recognize those who have given their time and energy, as well as their finances, by extending them honors during the High Holy Day services as our way of showing appreciation for all they have contributed over the past year. We also extend honors to those who have also provided leadership to the congregation in past years and to those who provide support and service to our local communities and Jewish organizations and who therefore expand our Community beyond our synagogue.

In the spirit of transparency, we are taking this opportunity to clarify and answer any questions our congregants may have about how honors are bestowed. First, our High Holy Day Honors Committee, consisting of **Andrea Colby, Christina Daniels, Dan Hirsch, Rabbi Rosin and Eliot Spack**, have been working for several months to recommend guidelines and distribute honors for the upcoming High Holy Days. If you have any questions about these guidelines or any aspect of High Holy Day Honors, please feel free to contact any of them.

Second, please note that we regard these honors to be our way of thanking members who have made significant efforts on behalf of Neve Shalom during the past year—as such, there will always be opportunities for members of our Community to be recognized in the future, based upon their contributions in upcoming years.

We have made significant efforts to elicit recommendations for honorees, from canvassing synagogue leadership to requests for suggestions on our High Holy Day reservations forms that you received in July. The Honors Committee cast a wide net to ensure that we recognize as many of our members as possible.

Please also note that honors are interchangeable and can be reassigned from year to year. Thus, if you are extended a particular honor one year, you may not receive that honor or any other honor in the following year. Again, if you have any questions about this, please contact a member of the Honors Committee.

We are grateful to all members of our Community who give of themselves each year and we are working to ensure that we recognize and thank them for their generosity in supporting Neve Shalom.

*The High Holy Day Honors Committee*

## Men's Club Minute

*By Lon Dobbs, Men's Club President*

Another summer has passed, and our attention is away from the sun and the shore. Another great year is upon us. This year begins another chapter for the Men's Club of Neve Shalom with a newly elected board to bring our club to even great heights. The new leadership contains some of the men that have been active in our ranks, including:

*President:* Lon E. Dobbs

*Executive Vice President:* Lawrence Dombrow

*Secretary:* Keith Boxer

*Treasurer:* Bruce Levin

*Immediate Past President:* Steven Schneider

When my tenure ends in two years time, I want it be marked as a period of volunteerism. I hope to promulgate a culture where volunteering becomes a part of who we are – helping others not only within the confines of the synagogue, but also the larger community outside the doors. However, in order for our organization to help, we need volunteers ourselves to help with all of our amazing programming. We are not only looking for “the guy” that attends every meeting and gets involved with every sub-committee. We are also looking for the person that does not have that much time, and may only be able to volunteer once every few months – and these volunteers are just as important as the rest. There is a long list of events to get involved with (and to attend), including the following:

- ♦ *Welcome Back BBQ* (September 10) – We grill up some hot dogs to welcome the students and parents back for another fantastic year of Hebrew school.
- ♦ *Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah* (October 8) – Juicy steaks are paired with a tasting of spirits for a scrumptious and educational way to celebrate the holiday.
- ♦ *Family Fun Day* (December 25) – We make the day fun for the children in our community with games and entertainment.
- ♦ *Man of the Year Breakfast* (January 14) – Join us as we celebrate those that give back to the community.
- ♦ *Pasta Dinner* (April 8) – An exciting evening of pasta, sauce and fun.
- ♦ *Harvest of Hops* (May 13) – Last year we tried out three different brews from a microbrewery – who knows what's in store for this year.

Watch out for these and many, many other upcoming events in the new year. Come to eat, enjoy, and maybe even to volunteer.

A shana tova to everyone, and a healthy and happy 5778 to you and your families.

For more information, please contact us at [mensclub@neveshalom.net](mailto:mensclub@neveshalom.net).



Neve Shalom continues to support the efforts of Jewish Family Service of Middlesex County to help the needy by collecting food for the Kosher Food Pantry. Food donations may be left at the synagogue in the closet near the stairs next to the stage. Going forward, USY will be collecting a different item each month to be donated. Please watch Neve Now! for more information. Thank you for supporting these efforts!

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Maya's bat mitzvah ..... Flora Cowen

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popular culture for the *Star Ledger* as well as the *Jewish Week of New York* on contemporary Jewish issues. His articles can be found by doing a search on the websites of both papers. "I am gratified to have the chance to relate issues of Judaism and religion to a popular culture and to bring them to a wider audience," he says.

Rabbi Zelizer continues to study with other rabbis in the summer at the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. This summer's subject was about the impact of the years 1917 (the Balfour declaration); 1948 -- the Israel war of Independence, and the Six Day War in 1967 on Israel, American, and both worldwide Jewry and others."

Within the Rabbinical Assembly, the Rabbi was appointed to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Inter-marriage - studying the role in inter-marriage. He continues to serve on the Vaad Hakavod -the Ethics Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, which create ethical protocols for its members and monitors their application to the membership.

Additionally, he studied a course on Islam at Princeton and had the pleasure of auditing a course on contempt at American history since 1973 with his son **Julian!**

"Retirement has afforded me more time to focus and develop my interests in "lilmod uleamed" - studying and teaching those special areas which have interested me for much of my life. That is how I continue rabbi-ing," he adds.

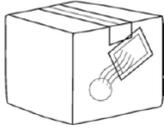


Please remember Neve Shalom with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

## Send the Holidays to Your College Student

What does it mean to "Send the Holidays" to my child?

Neve Shalom has a long-standing tradition of maintaining contact with our members' college-age children who live away from home. Each year we send two packages full of treats timed to coincide with Jewish festivals, usually Rosh Hashana, Chanukah, Purim or Passover. The recipients often tell us that they look forward to these packages which remind them of their connection to Neve Shalom and the Jewish community.



What does it cost?

It's **free** for the children of Neve Shalom members.

Will you send a package if my child isn't in college?

We'll be happy to send a package to the child of any member who lives away from home in the continental United States during the four years following high school graduation no matter what they are doing.

Will you send a package to my grandchild or some other relative or friend?

For a fee of \$30, we'll send two packages during the year to anyone you'd like. We'll put a card in the package so they'll know it's from you.

How do I sign up my child?

Just fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return it to the Neve Shalom office no later than **September 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Recipient's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where recipient can receive packages via the U.S. Postal Service:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Email address to receive the bulletin: \_\_\_\_\_

Will recipient be studying abroad this year? \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Semester \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Does recipient have food allergies (if so, please specify)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Enclosed is a voluntary contribution to help support this project

If recipient is not the child of a Neve Shalom member, please enclose \$30 and list:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

The name to appear on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

## Neve Shalom Proudly Introduces.....

### Shabbat 2.0



We are proud to offer a new interactive Shabbat Experience for learners of all ages that was developed based on member feedback.

Shabbat 2.0 will feature singing, plays, prayers, snacks and an opportunity to learn why we pray as we do.

All are welcome to experience these participatory services, which will be held on Saturday mornings twice a month from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meet our new Education Director: Sharon Diamondstein  
 Services will be **Sept. 9 & 16**

Questions? Contact Sharon Diamondstein  
 Education@NeveShalom.net



## SAVE THE DATE

**November 15 – 19, 2017**

**Neve Shalom welcomes:  
 Mordechai Rosenstein  
 Artist in residence**

Since 1979, Mordechai Rosenstein has been creating Jewish Art and putting it up in people's homes, synagogues, and agencies throughout the world. Mordechai is thrilled to share his art in many interactive ways with children as well as adults during a multi-faceted weekend.

The Hebrew alphabet is the very essence of the art of Mordechai. His love of these forms is evident in every work of art he creates. Using vibrant shapes and colors, he has enhanced synagogues and numerous commercial and private estates through the country.

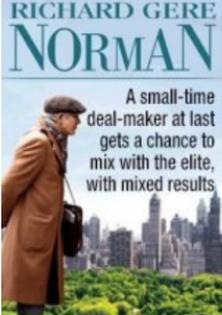


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**SELICHOT SERVICES**  
 in the style of  
**Independent Minyanim**  
 New and traditional melodies from varied communities arranged by Hazzan Levin

**Saturday, Sept. 16 8:00pm**  
 Hazzan Sheldon Levin, Rabbi Eric Rosin  
 & Leonard Hausman, Percussion  
 Dessert Reception will follow




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**RICHARD GERE  
 NORMAN**

A small-time deal-maker at last gets a chance to mix with the elite, with mixed results

Norman, a New York fixer (Richard Gere), knows the right people and tries to get things done. When an Israeli dignitary (Lior Ashkenazi) comes to the city, Norman impresses the man by buying him very expensive shoes. It works and they establish a strong connection. A few years later, when this Israeli becomes Israel's prime minister, issues arise. The film is in English with many well known actors.

Presented by Neve Shalom Adult Ed.  
**No admission fee**  
 Discussion will follow  
 For information contact Hazzan Levin  
 Hazzan@NeveShalom.net

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**The Wall & Conversion:  
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**Friday, September 15**  
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**High Holy Day Schedule (Note: All times are approximate.)**
**Selichot**

Saturday, September 16

- 8:00pm | Service (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 9:00pm | Film: *Norman* starring Richard Gere

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Wednesday, September 20

- 6:30pm | Service (*Main Sanctuary*)

**Rosh Hashanah, First Day**

Thursday, September 21

- 8:30am | Traditional Service (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 9:30am | Tot Service
- 10:00am | Alternative Service (*Miller Ballroom*)  
Searching For Meaning - "Justice: Reconciling with U'netaneh Tokef"
- 10:00am | Junior Congregation
- 10:00am | Babysitting
- 4:00pm | Tashlich at Roosevelt Park (Location to be announced)
- 6:30pm | Mincha-Maariv (*Main Sanctuary*)

Note: Rabbi Rosin's sermon will begin some time after Noon. Child care is available.

**Rosh Hashanah, Second Day**

Friday, September 22

- 8:30am | Traditional Service (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 10:00am | Junior Congregation
- 10:00am | Babysitting

**Erev Yom Kippur**

Friday, September 29

- 6:00pm | Mincha (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 6:15pm | Kol Nidrei (*Main Sanctuary*)

**Yom Kippur**

Saturday, September 30

- 8:30am | Traditional Service (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 9:30am | Tot Service
- 10:00am | Alternative Service (*Miller Ballroom*)  
Searching For Meaning—"Vows and Promises"
- 10:00am | Junior Congregation
- 10:00am | Babysitting
- 1:45pm | Sermon (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 2:15pm | Yizkor (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 4:45pm | Mincha (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 6:15pm | Neilah (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 7:20pm | Maariv (*Main Sanctuary*)
- 7:30pm | Shofar (*Main Sanctuary*)



**SUKKOT FAMILY DINNER**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 10**  
**6pm**  
**Pizza, Stories And Each Family will Discussion**



Hebrew School Families are invited to purchase pizza (free for Hebrew High students).

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When: Thursday Nights, starting Sept. 7, 2017 (no class on Sept. 21)  
 Time: 7:00pm for beginners  
 7:45pm for everyone else  
 Where: Neve Shalom Gym, 250 Grove Avenue, Metuchen, NJ  
 Who: Classes taught by Miriam Handler  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Shabbat morning: 9:30 am Shabbat 2.0: 10:30 am  Morning Minyan: Monday and Thursday: 6:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00 am Sundays and Labor Day: 9:00 am					<b>1</b>  Candles 7:11 pm Services 6:30 pm	<b>2 Ki Teitzei</b>  No Shabbat 2.0  Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4 Labor Day</b>  Office closed	<b>5</b> First Day of Nursery School Hebrew School Teachers meeting 5 pm Ritual Comm 7:30 pm	<b>6</b>  Finance Comm 7:30 pm	<b>7</b>  Israeli Dancing 7 pm Nursery School Parents 7 pm Men's Club 7:30 pm Youth Comm 7:30 pm	<b>8</b>  Community Dinner 6 pm  Candles 7 pm Services 7:30 pm	<b>9 Ki Tavo</b> Benjamin Kupersmit Bar Mitzvah Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm
<b>10</b> First Day of Hebrew School USY Car Wash 9 am Youth Learning Team 9:30 am Welcome Back Barbecue 10 am	<b>11</b> Torah on Tap 7:30 pm  Sisterhood 7:30 pm  USY 7:30 pm	<b>12</b> First Day of Hebrew High School	<b>13</b>  55 Plus Club 1 pm	<b>14</b> High Holy Day Ticket Pickup 6 pm  Israeli Dancing 7 pm Fundraising Comm 7:30pm	<b>15</b>  Candles 6:48 pm Services 7:30pm with speaker Rabbi Andrew Sachs	<b>16 Nitzavim/                      Vayelech</b> Brian Schuetz Bar Mitzvah Hanoar 12 pm  Mincha/Maariv 6:15 pm Selichot 8 pm
<b>17</b>  High Holy Day Ticket Pickup and Chair Setup 8:30 am  Hanoar 12 pm	<b>18</b>  Torah on Tap 7:30 pm  Kadima 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> No Nursery School  Office closes at 12 noon  Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 6:30 pm	<b>21 Rosh                      Hashanah</b> Office closed No Nursery School Shacharit 8:30 am Tot Service 9:30 am Alternate Service, Tot Service, Baby- sitting 10am Tashlich 4 pm Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm	<b>22 Rosh                      Hashanah</b> Office closed No Nursery School Shacharit 8:30 am Babysitting 10am Jr. Congregation 10 am  Candles 6:37 pm Services 6:30 pm	<b>23 Ha'Azinu                      Shabbat                      Shuvah</b>  No Shabbat 2.0  Mincha/Maariv 6 pm
<b>24 Fast of                      Gedalia</b>  Hanoar 12 pm  USY 7:30 pm	<b>25</b>  Torah on Tap 7:30 pm  Kadima 7:30 pm	<b>26</b>  House Comm 7 pm  Synagogue Bd 7:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Kol Nidre</b> Office closes at 12 noon Candles 6:25 pm  Mincha 6 pm Kol Nidre 6:15 pm Maariv 6:30 pm	<b>30 Yom                      Kippur</b> Shacharit 8:30 am Tot Service 9:30 am Alternate Service, Tot Service & Baby- sitting 10am Sermon 1:45 pm Yizkor 2:15 pm Mincha 4:45 pm Neila 6:15 pm Maariv 7:20 pm Shofar 7:30 pm