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## From the Bimah

There is a tradition at Rosh Hashanah to eat symbolic foods, called simanim, meant to help ensure a good new year. I would like to mention a few of these special foods.

The first food on the list is honey. How better to wish for a "shana tova u'metukah"—a good and sweet new year—than to eat one of nature's sweetest foods?

Apples are the iconic accompaniment to honey. We even have a special blessing for apples dipped in honey.

Also think honey cake, another traditional Ashkenazi dish. It is possible today to buy several different types of honey, and then do a flight: a tasting of the different varieties.

My friend Jan sends me a honey cake with almonds every year. This year I am going to try a new recipe an apple honey Bundt cake by Canadian chef **Tori Avey**. As we traditional recite "May it be Your will to renew for us a good and sweet year."

The second special food for us is the rimon, or pomegranate, and it is special for many reasons. It is one of the Seven Species of Israel. So we connect to our beloved Israel.

There is a halachic question about do we or don't we recite the celebratory blessing Shehechyanu on the second night. Are the two days of Rosh Hashanah one holiday, or two separate events. When we eat a new seasonal fruit, one we have not enjoyed for a season; problem solved. An opportunity for the blessing arises. Many possible 'new fruits' but the pomegranate is special because of the seeds. In the Jewish mystical tradition a pomegranate has 613 seeds, the number of mitzvot. Just as the pomegranate is filled with an abundance of seeds, so should our year ahead be filled with an abundance of mitzvot and gemilut hasadim-good deeds.

Before eating the new fruit, a Shehechyanu blessing is said: "Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season."

The third food is carrots. In Hebrew, gezer, carrot sounds like g'zar, decree. Eating carrots on Rosh Hashanah expresses our desire that G-d will nullify any negative decrees against us. and in Yiddish words for "carrots" and "more"—mern and mer, respectively—are strikingly similar. So

## Rabbi Elliot Salo Schoenberg

among Yiddish speakers, carrots symbolize the desire for increased blessings in the new year. More good things and more good deeds!

More good, less negativity: carrots are a good food for the Rosh Hashanah table.

Tzimmis, carrot salad, and carrot cake are all dishes that feature carrots. If you don't already know I specialize in kugels. Potato kugel is our family favorite. I don't have a good recipe for parve carrot cake, so I make a carrot kugel.

A common blessing recited before eating carrots is: "May it be your will Adonai, our God and God of our ancestors, that our evil decree will be annulled and our merits will be recalled."

And of course we have brisket. now let me tell you a secret. Brisket is not one of the semanin symbolic foods for the holiday. But it is on our menu. Why?. it is a Jewish comfort food. We eat brisket because it is delicious.

Finally, there is a tradition to eat the head of a fish, sheep, a head of cabbage or even a whole head of garlic. Including some sort of head on the menu is representative of our hope that we are likened to a head, and not a tail.

This week's Torah reading....

Deut 28:13

וְנִתְּנָה יְהוָה לְרִאשׁוֹ וְלֹא לְזָנָב וְהָיִיתָ בֶּקֶם לְמַעַל וְלֹא תִהְיֶה לְמַטָּה כִּי-יִשְׁמָע אֱלֹהֵימֶנּוּת וְיִהְיֶה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מִצְדָּק הַיּוֹם לְשִׁמְרֹת וְלַעֲשׂוֹת: יְהוָה

*I will make you the head, not the tail; you will always be at the top and never at the bottom—if only you obey and faithfully observe the commandments of your God יהוה, that I enjoin upon you this day.*

The origins of eating some food that is a head- is our pun. The holiday is called Rosh Hashanah The head of the year. But we make it a seman-a symbol -to be a head-is to be leader, to move the world forward.

In other words, we should move forward and make progress in the coming year, rather than follow or linger in the rear.



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## Hazzan's Notes

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

This month's holidays offer a wide variety of experiences; something for everyone. If you like long services, with serious prayers about life and death issues then Yom Kippur is for you. While there is much about Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur Day and Neilah services that I love chanting, this article focuses on the week of Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

I love the way one holiday connects with the next. Immediately after returning from shul following an exhausting Yom Kippur, I begin to build my sukkah. I will be honest. There is no way I would be able to completely construct the whole sukkah in the four days between Yom Kippur and Sukkot (one day of which is Shabbat and I worry about weather). I generally build the frame and walls prior to Yom Kippur and then on those final days, I put on the bamboo roof and decorations. I have been told this is halachically (legally) acceptable, so I offer it as a suggestion to others who build a sukkah.

I enjoy creating this outdoor eating area. There were years when I used to use wood boards, nails and screws, but a long time ago I purchased a kit which I find much easier to assemble without using any tools. There is something satisfying about eating meals outdoors in a hut I constructed with my own hands. I enjoy hanging the lights and decorations and look forward to it every year. If you do not or cannot build your own sukkah, a number of Neve Shalom members would be happy to invite you to visit theirs or you certainly can bring a dairy meal to the Neve Shalom sukkah.

Sukkot is filled with holiday experiences at shul as well. Marching with the lulav and etrog, singing Hallel, joining friends or family for special meals, or just enjoying being outdoors gives us opportunities to appreciate some of God's gifts. While services are generally streamed, if you are able, I would encourage you to try to attend holiday events in person. Holding and smelling the lulav and etrog is much different from watching it done on a screen.

On Thursday, October 13 the JCC will host a special meal and program in their sukkah. Reservations are required by October 3. There is a charge for the kosher Chinese food luncheon. Contact **Esther Fendrick** at the JCC at [efendrick@jccmc.org](mailto:efendrick@jccmc.org) or 732-593-5969 for details. That evening, the Men's Club will sponsor the wonderful "Steak and Spirits in the Sukkah" dinner. Watch for registration information.



Hoshana Rabbah and Shemini Atzeret take place on October 16 and 17. On Hoshana Rabbah we traditionally smack the willows from a lulav and as the leaves fall from the branches, we symbolically remove our sins. For some, the Neilah service is the final chance to ask for forgiveness. For others, Hoshana Rabbah is the last opportunity of the season. In ancient times, Shemini Atzeret was like the finale events of the Olympics. Before returning to their homes, those who gathered at the ancient Temple for the holidays in Jerusalem had this "Eighth Day of Gathering" for sacrifices, prayer, festive meals, and celebrations. In our time, our holiday services include Yizkor and opportunities for us to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. We will do a memorial service at both the evening and morning services of Shemini Atzeret.

In Israel, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are combined, but at Neve Shalom, we will have the chance to end and begin the Torah cycles on October 17 and 18. The Monday evening service will start with family friendly activities and chocolate treats at 6:00 pm. We will chant the evening service for adults at 6:15 pm (while the kids are doing a craft or hearing a story). Then at 6:30 pm we encourage everyone to join together for dancing, singing, and carrying the Torah scrolls. This is lots of fun and a truly great way to joyfully celebrate our love of Torah.

We will repeat the dancing and singing at the Tuesday morning 9:30 am service, have opportunities for everyone present to have a Torah honor, give special recognition to two wonderful honorees, and will serve refreshments at the end.

I hope to see you at many of these services and events. I pray that you will be healthy and able to join us for as much as you can. I look forward to a wonderful season of celebrations and a great year to come. Chag sameach – Happy holidays.

## From the President

By Harold S. Geller

*There are stars up above so far away  
we only see their light long,  
long after the star itself is gone.  
And so it is with people we loved,  
Their memories keep shining ever brightly  
Though their time with us is done.  
But the stars that light up the darkest night,  
These are the lights that guide us.  
As we live our days,  
these are the ways we remember, we remember.  
As we live our days, these are the ways  
we remember, we remember.*

This poem "Yesh Kokhavim: There Are Stars" was among many written by **Hannah Senesh** (1921 - 1944) who was a paratrooper trained to rescue Jews during the Holocaust. Captured and killed by the Nazi's, she is still a



national heroine in Israel. This poem was set to a moving contemporary Jewish Music setting by the Duo Kol B'Seder, **Cantor Jeff Klepper** and **Rabbi Dan Frelander** and is among the music that rings in my head as I remember departed parents, extended family, and friends every time we recite the Yizkor prayers.

In my experience, I can say there are many people who words alone can not express the gratitude I have for the examples they have shown in their lives that influenced who I am. Many who I wish I could have just one more moment to tell them how much they meant to me, how much I (will) miss them, and even some that I wish I could take back things that I had said.

Human beings are social species, wired to connect. According to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, besides food, water, and safety, love and belonging are the most important needs we must fulfill. This includes our desire for interpersonal relationships, intimacy, to connect with others, and to be integrated into a group.

As we close out the holiday season that started during the summer on Tisha B'Av, and will soon complete with Simchat Torah, we have had opportunities to recall those for whom we recite Yizkor, may their memories be as the blessings they were in our lives.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Kenneth Goldman,  
brother of Eric Goldman*

## ADULT ED BEGINS THIS MONTH

After Simchat Torah our year of Lifelong Learning will start anew. This season we are coordinating our classes and many of our programs with Neve Shalom, Temple Emanu-El and the JCC of Middlesex County. Please carefully note which will be in person at which location and which will be online using the different Zoom links (which are listed at the end of this article). Each week we will send updates, there may be changes as Covid restrictions require.

On Sunday, October 23, we have a very exciting speaker, **Stuart Isacoff** (pictured, left). He will be speaking about the Gershwin brothers and will include recordings, slides and live performances of him at the piano. We encourage you to come in person, and the program will also be available on our usual Neve Shalom Zoom link. (See *GUEST SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT* on page 4 for more details.)

## CLASSES

Sundays starting November 6, **Rabbi Schoenberg's** classes will meet in person at Neve Shalom at 10:00 am and then will be repeated the following Thursday on N.S. Zoom at 11:00 am. This semester is entitled: "Social Justice: Duty, Debates, Debacles" and will address moral issues of today.

Once a month, starting October 27, the Worldly Jewish Dining class will meet on the T.E.E. Zoom at 12:30 pm and each month will focus on a different mitzvah, customs and foods that can be connected.

Mondays starting October 31 at 10:30 am, **Rabbi Bryan Kinzbrunner** will start a series of conversations about ways Judaism can bring fulfillment and renewal to our lives. This Fostering New Beginnings class will be taught in person at the JCC 1775 Oak Tree Road.

Monthly, on Monday evenings starting October 31, will be the Monday Evening Book Club. This will meet at 7:30 pm using the T.E.E. Zoom link.

Tuesdays beginning November 1 at 11:00 am, Hazzan Levin will share lots of music and videos about Jewish values in song. Each week we will hear songs from Rock, Pop, Broadway, Israel and Contemporary Jewish composers who have written about loving your neighbor, peace, friendship and other values. One week we will feature an amazing new musical written by **Will Howitt**, a Neve Shalom college student, with songs and issues following his grandmother's passing. This will use the N.S. Zoom link.

"A Taste of Yiddish", taught by **Naomi Miller** will meet Tuesdays at 4:00 pm starting November 1 using the J.C.C. Zoom. This is a beginner's Yiddish class with a different focus each week.

Wednesdays at 10:00 am using the T.E.E. Zoom link, **Rabbi Vicki Axe** will teach about the Five Megillot. At 12:30 pm beginning

October 26, Rabbi Axe or **Cantor Simkin** will explore Jewish texts at the weekly Lunch and Learn using the T.E.E. Zoom. Later in the day, at 5:00 pm, starting October 26, Cantor Simkin will teach about Jews and Booze. in person at 1775 Oak Tree Road. Every other Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm "Talmud Le'at" (Slowly Learning Talmud) will be taught by **Stephan Gross** using the "Talmud" Zoom link and at his home.

On Thursdays, starting October 20 at 7:30 pm, Debra Maller will teach "The Power of Words from the Depths of Despair", a look at the art, poetry and prose of the Holocaust. This will use the T.E.E. Zoom.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

On Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm at the JCC Decades of Jewish Divas Concert, **Lisa Sherman** will be on lead vocals and **Bob Egan** will be on keyboard. Songs of **Barbara Streisand**, **Carole King**, **Sophie Tucker** and **Bette Midler**, among others, will be performed. (You must pre-register.)

The JCC lunch and program in the sukkah will take place on Thursday, October 13 from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at 1775 Oak Tree Road. There is a fee for this event and registration is required. You must register prior to October 3.

On Sunday, October 30 at 2:30 pm at Neve Shalom, Sisterhood will present the lecture: "There are Jews in the South!" by **Deborah Lamensdorf Jacobs**. It is free and open to everyone.

**Carole Semel** will do a cooking demonstration about holiday desserts on Sunday, November 10 at 1:30 pm at the JCC. Space is limited, so please register early.

Neve Shalom's Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer Scholar-in-Residence will be **Dr. Glenn Dynner** in person and on the N.S. Zoom, Friday evening November 18 and on Shabbat morning and afternoon November 19. Friday evening will begin at 6:00 pm with crudites and refreshments followed by the service and talk at 6:30 pm. Dr. Dynner's topic is "Jews of Eastern Europe". Friday evening's discussion will be "Ukraine: Cradle of Modern Jewish Movements"; Shabbat morning will be "Jewish Women in Eastern Europe" and after lunch "The Hasidic Revival on the Eve of the Holocaust". We are seeking Benefactors to help cover the costs of this important weekend of talks, though the events are free and open to everyone.

All of the above are open to anyone who registers for Neve Shalom Adult Education programs. For \$72 per person, or \$180 for Benefactors, you may take as many classes as you wish for the entire 2022-2023 academic year. The Neve Shalom lectures on October 23, 30, and the Scholar Events are free and open to the public. For more info contact [Hazzan@NeveShalom.net](mailto:Hazzan@NeveShalom.net) or 732-548-2238, ext.14.

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# GUEST SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Sunday, October 23 at 11:00 am



**STUART ISACOFF** is active across North America and Europe as a writer, pianist, composer and lecturer. His ongoing presence in the cultural landscape has included presentations at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and Lincoln Center, as well as at festivals around the world; and regular contributions on music and art to *The Wall Street Journal* and other major periodicals, such as *Musical America*, and *Literary Review* (London).

Mr. Isacoff is the author most recently of *Musical Revolutions* (Knopf), following *When the World Stopped to Listen: Van Cliburn's Cold War Triumph and its Aftermath*

(Knopf); *A Natural History of the Piano: The Instrument, the Music, the Musicians—From Mozart to Modern Jazz and Everything in Between* (Knopf); and the highly acclaimed *Temperament: How Music Became a Battleground for the Great Minds of Western Civilization* (Knopf/Vintage). He is a winner of the prestigious ASCAP Deems Taylor Award for excellence in writing about music, and the Cremona (Italy) Music Fair Award for communication.

Stuart Isacoff has given lectures and piano performances both here and abroad, at such venues as The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the Verbier Festival and Academy (Switzerland), Music@Menlo, the Portland Piano Festival, the Miami Piano Festival, the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival, the September Music Festival (Torino), the Gina Bachauer Foundation (Salt Lake City), the Van Cliburn Piano Institute and others, as well as at such scientific institutions as the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Bradbury Science Museum and the Perimeter Institute of Theoretical Physics.

His compositions, arrangements, editions, and instructional texts have been published by G. Schirmer, Boosey & Hawkes (London), Carl Fischer, Music Sales Corp., Warner Bros. Music, and Ekay Music, Inc. He was the founding editor of the magazine *Piano Today*, a position he held for nearly three decades.

Stuart Isacoff's piano recitals combine classical repertoire with jazz improvisation, demonstrating the threads that connect musical works created centuries and continents apart. Of his playing, pianist André Watts has said: "Stuart Isacoff's music-making is original and revelatory. Subtle, brilliant use of the instrument combined with a unique musical perspective, create performances of uncommon depth. Isacoff reveals his beautiful interior world with every performance."

He will be speaking about the Gershwin brothers including recordings, slides and live performance of him at the piano. We encourage you to come in person, but the program will also be available on our usual Neve Shalom Zoom link. For more information, contact [Hazzan@NeveShalom.net](mailto:Hazzan@NeveShalom.net).

## TORAH READERS

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N=New Reader

### AUGUST TORAH READERS

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Bruce Greenberg .....	4
Jennifer Greenberg.....	1
Aron Richman.....	5
Mark Rosenfield.....	6
Michele Rosenfield.....	6
Daniel Rushefsky.....	2
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Barbara Spack.....	2
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### AUGUST HAFTARAH READERS

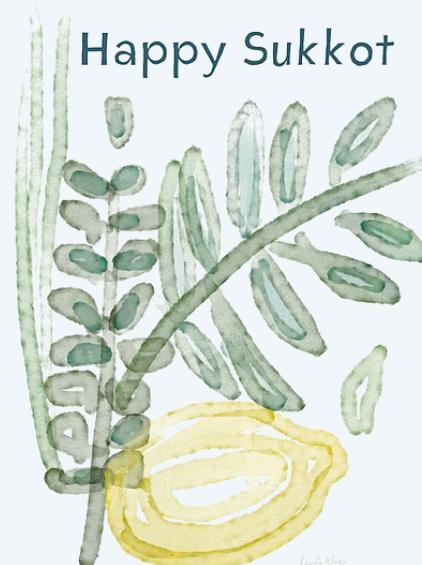
Jake Bullock  
Andrea Colby  
Cory Schneider  
Barbara Spack  
Larry Wineberg

Thank you!

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If you would like to include the name of someone who is ill (including yourself) to be recited for a Mi Sheberach (prayer for healing) when the Torah is read, please e-mail the Hebrew (preferred) or English name of that individual to **Steve Gross** at [stephang@optonline.net](mailto:stephang@optonline.net).

You may also contact the synagogue office by phone with this information at 732-548-2238.



Happy Sukkot

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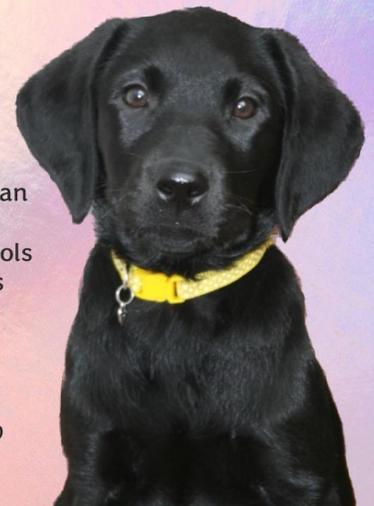
Our *Mitzvah of the Month* is Tza'ar  
 Ba'alei Chaim/showing compassion to living  
 creatures.

Cole is a 9-year-old black Labrador.  
 He is a licensed therapy dog. Mr. Stuart Shlossman  
 (his owner), and Cole visit schools, hospitals  
 and rehabilitation units. He also visits high schools  
 and colleges during exam week to provide stress  
 relief.

We can pet Cole and even read to him.

How fascinating it is that Cole is the one to show  
 compassion to people!

Mr. Shlossman and Cole will be visiting our  
 Religious school and Hebrew High school between  
**10:30-11:30 am on Sunday, November 6.**





**S**hana tova/Happy new year! We are off to a great start! It's wonderful for the yeladim/children to be back, seeing each other after a few months break. For the morim u'morot/the teachers (male and female respectively), it's a fresh new year full of learning opportunities.

Did you smell that delicious aroma emanating from our kitchen? In September, all the talmidim/students gathered around long tables in the gym as **Rabbi Schoenberg** and the talmidim mixed, fried, and baked "apple pie pockets" to share with their families on Rosh Hashana (*recipe at right*). We were also treated to seeing some farm animals in our parking lot! Shoshana the sheep and Giddy the goat had the pleasure of meeting our children and showing off their horns. Actually Giddy showed his horns, Shoshana's horns fell off already, so **Morah Miriam** brought in a long curvy shofar (that might have belonged to Shoshana's father), and Rabbi blew shofar for us. We even had the opportunity to feed, pet, and brush the livestock. We learned that the purpose of blowing the shofar is to wake us up...a new year is beginning, and we want to make a fresh start and do good by each other, Hashem/God, and ourselves.

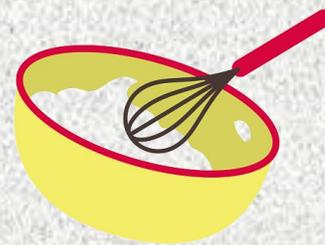
Our talmidim and their horim/parents shared some quiet moments when we travelled to Tommy's Pond to perform tashlich. As we know, this age old tradition of tossing bread into a body of water represents "casting off" our wrong doings from the past year. This tashlich, the talmidim in grades Gan/Kindergarten through Hebrew High, used water soluble paper to write down whatever wrong doings they had done, folded it up, and tossed them away into the lake (eco-friendly). Now we feel we can start over again with a clean slate.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for a shana tova u'metuka/a happy and sweet New Year. It should be one of health, and prosperity for us and all of Israel!

## Recipe

### APPLE PIE POCKETS

4 medium apples  
 1/3 cup sugar  
 3 tablespoons water  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon cornstarch  
 2 tablespoons water  
 1 egg  
 1 package empanada dough, defrosted  
 Turbinado sugar (sugar in the raw) for sprinkling



- Peel, core, and chop or slice apples.
- Melt butter and cinnamon over medium heat. Stir in apples, sugar & water.
- Cover and cook stirring occasionally for 4-6 minutes or until very slightly softened.
- In a small dish combine cornstarch and 2 tablespoons water. Add to the pan while stirring and continue to cook until apples are soft (not mushy) and filling is thickened.
- Let bubble one minute. Cool.
- When filling is cool enough to use (a few minutes, place a small spoonful on one side of each empanada round. Fold over, and crimp closed. Brush with beaten egg, sprinkle with turbinado sugar. Bake at 350 for about 20 minutes until golden.



# FROM LOOMS TO HEIRLOOMS: A UNIQUE STORY

*When an email came in January asking about Neve Shalom Sisterhood's weaving program, we had no idea what an amazing project would result.*

**Deborah Lamensdorf Jacobs**, whose family owns a cotton field in the Mississippi Delta, was looking for a weaver to create family heirlooms with her family's cotton.

Thanks to the generosity of **Deborah Berman**, the Loom Room had recently been gifted a second loom, one Deb was no longer using.

Six months later, this newly acquired loom was warped with yarn made from cotton grown in the same cotton field purchased by Deborah Lamensdorf Jacobs' great grandfather in 1919.

Our Loom Room weavers are now in the process of creating 30 challah covers and a huppah. The weaving even includes a unique Mississippi Delta pattern.

Join us on October 30 when Deborah Lamensdorf Jacobs tells her amazing family story and what it's like to be Jewish in the South. *(See sidebar.)*

**Create your own unique heirloom on our other loom!**  
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## THERE ARE JEWS IN THE SOUTH?!

*A Conversation with  
Deborah Lamensdorf Jacobs*

**Sunday, October 30 at 2:30 pm**

The Mississippi Delta has been called "the most Southern place on earth." It's filled with some of the most fertile cotton-growing land in the world, it's the birthplace of the blues, and it's been home to immigrants from Italy, China, and Lebanon, as well as many German and Eastern European Jews. These Jews adapted to economic opportunities, became business and civic leaders, and formed their own network of Jewish communities.

Join us for a conversation with Cary, MS, native Deborah Lamensdorf Jacobs to learn about her family's Jewish life in the Delta. It's not every Southern Jewish family who owns tallitot woven from cotton grown on their own farm!

Coffee, cake and a visit to the Loom Room to see a challah cover woven with Deborah's family's cotton will follow the program.



The Lamensdorf Family in their cotton field (1991)  
Far right: Deborah Lamensdorf Jacobs and her  
husband Lou. (photo credit: Bill Aron)

## YAHREITS OBSERVANCES: OCTOBER 2022—TISHREI / CHESHVAN 5783

*Neve Shalom encourages those observing the Yahrzeit of a loved one to attend our daily minyan on the day associated with the Hebrew date of death, as listed below, so that you may recite the Mourner's Kaddish to honor them along with our Jewish community. To confirm the time of our daily morning minyan services, go to [www.neveshalom.net/calendar](http://www.neveshalom.net/calendar) or contact the synagogue office.*

HEBREW DATE	ENGLISH DATE	DECEASED'S NAME	MOURNER
6 Tishrei	October 1	Selma Boyarin Pickoff Rose Glinn Barry Miller Barbara Green	Mother of Lenore Boyarin Grandmother of Adam Glinn Father of Gail Schuetz Sister of Gloria Engel
7 Tishrei	October 2	Rose Weiner	aunt of Joseph Cammy
8 Tishrei	October 3	Julius Heisler	Father of Faith Heisler
9 Tishrei	October 4	Susan Holland David Lehrhaupt	Aunt of Lauren Cohen Grandfather of Judith Spiegel and C. Sandra Fields
10 Tishrei	October 5	Benjamin Cream Jon Potashnick William Bassoff Helen Greenhouse	Father of Davene Iris Dultz Father of Steven Potashnick Father of Joel Bassoff Aunt of Beverly Perry
11 Tishrei	October 6	Rose Rosenfield Rebecca Westerman Shirley Brazer Helen Schulman Gordon Berkow	Grandmother of Mark Rosenfield Grandmother of Lisa Spiegel Mother of Bruce Brazer grandmother of Jeffrey Schulman Brother of Irene Hutt
12 Tishrei	October 7	Sue Feigenbaum May Fleischer Jeanne Duke	Grandmother of Audrey Napchen Great-Aunt of Adam Glinn Mother of Seymour Tabak
13 Tishrei	October 8	Jeffrey Weinstein Herman H. Weiss	First Husband of Karen Newman Father of S.Merrill Weiss
15 Tishrei	October 10	Cantor Mordechai	Husband of Barbara Goldstein
16 Tishrei	October 11	Matilda Moslovitz David Steinberg Herman Stern	Grandmother of Edward Levine Grandfather of Sheila Rabinowitz Grandfather of Ann Frank and Robert Spierer
17 Tishrei	October 12	Efram Spierer	Father of Ann Frank, Father of Robert Spierer
18 Tishrei	October 13	Layne Marc Weinstein Faye Schwemer Regina Spierer Helen Goodman Amy Artman	Son of Edward Weinstein Mother-in-Law of Sandra Schwemer Mother of Ann Frank and Robert Spierer Aunt of Lenore Boyarin Wife of Ira Artman
19 Tishrei	October 14	Frieda Birnbaum Morris Zlotnick	Mother of Florence Levine Father of Jeffrey Zlotnick
20 Tishrei	October 15	Henry Chaim Kalfus	Grandfather of Richard A. Kalfus
21 Tishrei	October 16	Yetta Kimelman  Bernard Friedowitz Harry Gelber	Grandmother of Sara Emmer, Peter Hacker and Martin Hacker Uncle of Ronald Becker Father of Morris Gelber
22 Tishrei	October 17	Joel J. Nagel	Father of Steven Nagel
23 Tishrei	October 18	Joel Kaplan Joseph Seidemann Alvin Holland	Father of Aimee Braverman Father of Claudie Hayat Grandfather of Lauren Cohen

HEBREW DATE	ENGLISH DATE	DECEASED'S NAME	MOURNER
24 Tishrei	October 19	Leslie Nacht-Feig Joseph Bochner Sarah Glick	Sister of Eric Nacht Uncle of Judith Slutzky Mother of Gerald Glick
25 Tishrei	October 20	Sadie Cream Marvin Davis	Mother of Davene Iris Dultz Father of Susan Brazer
26 Tishrei	October 21	Theodore Emmer	Father of Kenneth Emmer
27 Tishrei	October 22	Morris Steinsapir Betty Sigel Du-Bois Louis Zuckerman Yvonne Rachel Hayat L. Arthur Maltby	Father of Susan Steinsapir Mother of Delevan Du-Bois Father of Howard Zuckerman Mother of Gilbert Hayat Father of Nancy Shlossman
28 Tishrei	October 23	Beatrice Balaban Rubin Cohen	Grandmother of Susan Kashan Father of Susan Goldman
29 Tishrei	October 24	Arthur Frisch	Father of Robin Horwitz
30 Tishrei	October 25	Theodore Langer Doris Rosenfield Joseph Silver Andrea Feld Jeanette Holland Ann Hecht	father of Barbara Osofsky mother of Mark Rosenfield father of Marlene Strauss Step-Daughter of Lena Feld Grandmother of Lauren Cohen mother of Sharon Zlotnick
1 Cheshvan	October 26	Bernard Shimanowitz Florence Bloom	Father of Ronald Shimanowitz Mother of Jennine Shpigel
2 Cheshvan	October 27	Rebecca Barnestein  Michael Lemerman Harry Fields Frieda Becker Rose Kazin Fenichel	Grandmother of Deborah Janet Schildkraut and Lynn Sessler Father of David Lemerman Father-in-Law of C. Sandra Fields Mother of Ronald Becker Mother of Myrna Samuelson
3 Cheshvan	October 28	Arthur Leckart Richard Coen  Paul G. Friedel Judith Tabak	Husband of Susan Leckart Father of Donna Coen O'Gorman, Husband of Volma Coen Son of Lena Feld wife of Seymour Tabak
4 Cheshvan	October 29	Mildred Loewenthal Harriette Rubin	Mother of Stanley Loewenthal Mother of Carol Weiss
5 Cheshvan	October 30	Clara Seiler Carrie Emmer Emanuel Shultz	Mother of Joyce Wernik Mother of Kenneth Emmer Father of Gail Adler
6 Cheshvan	October 31	Joseph Askin Simon Schoenbrun Alan Kafker Joseph Lefkowitz Franklin Feld	Father of Miriam Saruya father of Ruth Candeub Husband of Miriam Kafker Father of Susan Lass Husband of Lena Feld



# Sound the Shofar Loud and Clear to wish Everyone a Sweet New Year!



Please join the Religious School students on **Tuesday afternoon September 20 from 4:30-5:30** as we greet Giddy the Goat and Shoshana the Sheep and compare/contrast his horn to that of the traditional Ram's horn which we blow on Rosh Hashana.

We will also have an opportunity to brush, feed, and pet the animals!





## Neve Shalom

### Sukkot and Simchat Torah Services

Sun., Oct. 9	6:30 pm	Sukkot Day One Evening Service*
Mon., Oct. 10	9:30 am	Sukkot Day One Morning Service*
	6:30 pm	Sukkot Day Two Evening Service*
Tues., Oct. 11	9:30 am	Sukkot Day Two Morning Service*
Wed., Oct. 12	6:35 am	Chol Hamoed Morning Service*
Thurs., Oct. 13	6:35 am	Chol Hamoed Morning Service*
	11:00 am	JCC Sukkah Concert and kosher Chinese Food Lunch
	6:00 pm	Steak & Spirits in the Sukkah, Men's Club Program
Fri., Oct. 14	6:35 am	Chol Hamoed Morning Service*
	6:30 pm	Shabbat Eve service* and desserts in the Sukkah
Sat., Oct. 15	9:30 am	Shabbat Morning service* and light lunch
	5:30 pm	Mincha in person
Sun., Oct. 16	9:00 am	Hoshana Rabbah Service*
	6:30 pm	Shemini Atzeret Evening and Memorial Service*
Mon., Oct. 17	9:30 am	Shemini Atzeret Morning Service & Yizkor*
	6:00 pm	Simchat Torah Family Fun Activities and Chocolate Treats
	6:15 pm	Simchat Torah Evening Service*
	6:30 pm	Simchat Torah Dancing, Singing, Torah Readings and Honoring <i>Chattan &amp; Kallah</i> of the Torah*
Tues., Oct. 18	9:30 am	Simchat Torah Service* including Dancing, Singing, Honoring <i>Chattan &amp; Kallah</i> of the Torah, and Refreshments



*\*In person and streamed using the usual Neve Shalom Zoom link and on YouTube*

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**Lisa Sherman has spent more than 12 years on and off Broadway as a singer-dancer-actress, is a member of both SAG and EQUITY, and shared the stage with the NYC Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. Lisa has performed in a variety of theatres and has shared the stage with numerous artists including Jon BonJovi, Mary Wilson, Lulu and Southside Johnny. Bob Egan was born and raised in Bucks County, PA and has played across the region. For over 30 years he has appeared in clubs, restaurants, private parties and corporate events.**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 at 2:00PM IN PERSON ONLY  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY  
ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

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**Monday, Oct. 17, 2022**

**6:00 pm Marian Szteinbaum will lead fun activities and stories for kids.**

***Chocolate Treats will be served to the children.***

6:15 pm Evening Service for Adults

6:30 pm Dancing and Singing with the Torah

Special Torah honors for our Virus Task Force

**Ending and starting the Torah**

**Wearing Funny Hats**

Followed by refreshments and schmoozing for teens & adults.



**Tuesday,  
Oct. 18**

9:30 am The service and celebration continues with more dancing and singing, honoring the Virus Task Force, and special refreshments to conclude the holiday.



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## ***Fascinating Gershwin***

### **Stuart Isacoff**



**Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022**

**11:00 am**

**In-Person & On Zoom**

*Using our usual Shabbat Zoom link*

***The life and music of the brothers Gershwin, George and Ira, from their beginnings in the pushcart neighborhoods of old New York to stardom in Hollywood.***

Stuart Isacoff has given lectures and piano performances both here and abroad, at many famous venues including Lincoln Center, the Van Cliburn Institute and many others. His piano recitals combine classical repertoire with jazz improvisation, demonstrating the threads that connect musical works created centuries and continents apart.

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Join us as we celebrate the joyous holiday of Sukkot together at our

# SUKKOT LUNCHEON

In Person Only

Menu from a Kosher Chinese Restaurant

**Date:** Thursday October 13, 2022

**Time:** 11:30AM – 2:00PM

**Early Bird Pricing:** Register by Sept. 29  
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**Standard Pricing:** Register from Sept. 30 – Oct. 3  
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No registration after Oct. 3 due to Jewish Holiday schedule.

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Thoughts for Sukkot by:

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For more information please contact Esther Fendrick at [efendrick@jccmc.org](mailto:efendrick@jccmc.org), or 732-593-5969.

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## Let's take a ride to Tommy's Pond to perform Tashlich.



*Tashlich* comes from the Hebrew word meaning "to cast," referring to the intent to cast away our wrong-doings. We may not all be together over Rosh Hashana, so we will take this opportunity to come together as a school on **Sunday October 2 from 11:40-12:00pm.**

Tashlich is usually performed on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. It may also be performed throughout the 10 Days of Repentance, or even until Hoshanah Rabba (the last day of Sukkot), except on Shabbat).

Parents, please pick up your children promptly at 11:30 and join Rabbi Schoenberg, Hazzan Levin, Morah Miriam, and all your teachers at 150 Lake Avenue, Metuchen (5 minutes from Neve Shalom).

Your children have prepared special water soluble "I'm sorry" notes to perform Tashlich with at the pond.  
Looking forward to sharing this meaningful time together.

We hope to make our own decisions and not simply follow the crowd. We should be a leader, initiating more good deeds in the year ahead.

I wish I could cook a whole fish and my family would enjoy it. That is not the case. So we roast a garlic head.

We just returned from a vacation in North Dakota. The stark, desolate beauty was breath taking. There we visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park and learned about the connection of TR to North Dakota. **Theodore Roosevelt** was an up and coming politician in New York. But tragically, his wife and mother died the same year, 1883. He was devastated. Depressed and at loose ends, he traveled west to the Dakotas. He hiked, he canoed, he hunted, and he bought and built a ranch.

He recuperated. Though the ranch itself failed, he healed through his connection to the wild landscape, far from city life and civilization. He always treasured this time in his life.

TR moved forward when he returned to NY. He married again and advanced in politics. He was elected President in 1901

When he became President, he moved a conservation agenda forward. Roosevelt used his authority to establish 150 national forests, 51 federal bird reserves, four national game preserves, five national parks and 18 national monuments on over 230 million acres of public land. He was a leader in conserving the beautiful, awe-inspiring landscapes of the United States. Roosevelt knew, we are called upon to move forward.

His wife died, the ranch failed. but he became a leader in conservation.

In the New Year, may we learn from TR and from the symbolic foods we will eat on this holiday: may we move forward and not be stuck in the past.

Neve Shalom Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer  
SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE



## Dr. Glenn Dynner

Professor and Chair of Religion at Sarah Lawrence College



Glenn Davis Dynner is an American author and historian specializing in religion and history of East European Jewry. He is the Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*.

He will be speaking at Shabbat services on Friday evening, Saturday morning and after lunch on Nov. 18-19, 2022 on the topic:

### JEWES OF EASTERN EUROPE

Friday night (6pm Crudit  Reception, 6:30pm Service):

**Ukraine: Cradle of Modern Jewish Movements**

Shabbat Morning (during 9:30am Services):

**Jewish Women in Eastern Europe**

After Lunch:

**The Hasidic Revival on the Eve of the Holocaust**

Please consider being a Benefactor of this weekend of events. Send a donation to Neve Shalom of \$180 per person, marked "Scholar" in the memo line.

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# SHABBAT

## EVENING SERVICE

at **NEVE SHALOM** 

**Oct. 7 6:30 pm Traditional Service\***



**Oct. 14 6:30 pm Service \* & Desserts in the Sukkah *after services***

**Oct. 21 Shabbat in the Park**  
*Watch for more info*



**Oct. 28 6:30 pm In honor of *Parshat Noah***  
**Bring your Furry Friends to an outdoor service\* (weather permitting)**

*Contact [Hazzan@NeveShalom.net](mailto:Hazzan@NeveShalom.net) for more info*

We will follow guideline of the Virus Task Force

***\*Services will be in-person and on line with the usual links***

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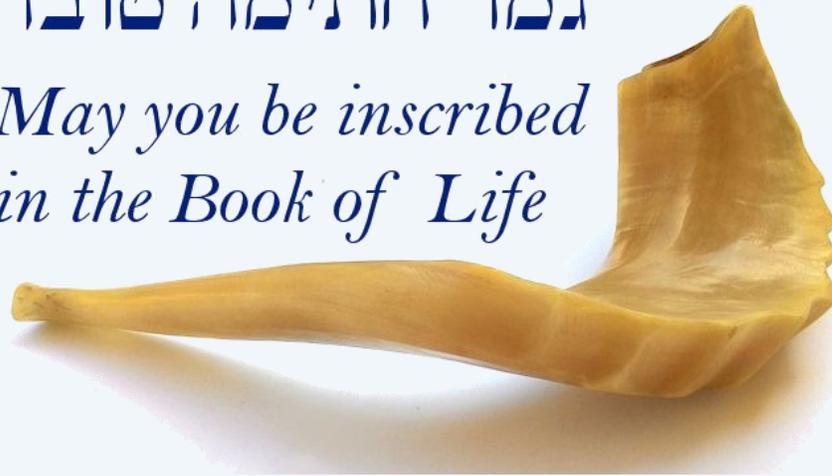
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# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6th of Tishrei, 5783 Shabbat Shuva-Vayelech Mincha/Maariv 6 pm
2 7th of Tishrei, 5783 Sukkah set-up 7:00 am Decades of Jewish Divas 2:00 pm at the JCC	3 8th of Tishrei, 5783 Sisterhood 7:30 pm Virus Task Force 8:00 pm	4 9th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b> Religious School Closed Kol Nidre 6:15 pm Candles 6:17 pm	5 10th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Yom Kippur</b> Office Closed Services/Yizkor 8:30 am Alternate Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 10:30 am Mincha/Neila/Maariv/Shofar/ Havdalah 4:30 pm	6 11th of Tishrei, 5783	7 12th of Tishrei, 5783 Candles 6:12 pm	8 13th of Tishrei, 5783 Ha'Azinu Mincha/Maariv 5:45 pm
9 14th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Erev Sukkot</b> Sukkah set-up 7:30 am Learn & Play 9:00 am Worldly Jewish Dining 12:30 pm Erev Sukkot Service 6:30 pm	10 15th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Sukkot I</b> Office Closed Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm	11 16th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Sukkot II</b> Office Closed Religious School Closed	12 17th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Sukkot III</b> (Chol Hamoed) Talmud Le'at 7:30 pm Education/Youth Committee 7:30 pm	13 18th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Sukkot IV (Chol Hamoed)</b> Concert and Lunch 11:00 am Steak and Spirits 6:00 pm Pickleball 7:00 pm House/Building Committee 7:30 pm	14 19th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Sukkot V (Chol Hamoed)</b> Candles 6:01 pm	15 20th of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Sukkot VI</b> (Chol Hamoed) Mincha/Maariv 5:30 pm
16 21st of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Sukkot VII (Hoshana Rabba)</b> Adult Education Committee 11:00 am Candles 5:58 pm Erev Shmini Atzeret/Memorial Service 6:30 pm	17 22nd of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor</b> Office Closed Family Fun 6:00 pm Erev Simchat Torah Service 6:15 pm Candles 6:57 pm	18 23rd of Tishrei, 5783 <b>Simchat Torah</b> Office Closed Religious School Closed Development Committee 7:30 pm	19 24th of Tishrei, 5783	20 25th of Tishrei, 5783 Pickleball 7:00 pm Membership Committee 7:30 pm <i>Power of Words</i> program 7:30 pm	21 26th of Tishrei, 5783 Candles 5:51 pm	22 27th of Tishrei, 5783 Bereshit Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm
23 28th of Tishrei, 5783 Chairs and Sukkah breakdown 7:30 am Guest speaker Stuart Isacoff 11:00 am	24 29th of Tishrei, 5783 Torah on Tap 7:30 pm Virus Taskforce 8:00 pm	25 30th of Tishrei, 5783 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Board of Directors 7:30 pm	26 1st of Cheshvan, 5783 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan <i>The Gantz Megillah</i> 10:00 am Lunch and Learn 12:30 pm <i>Jews and Booze</i> 5:00 pm Talmud Le'at 7:30 pm Scholar Stream 8 pm	27 2nd of Cheshvan, 5783 Pickleball 7:00 pm <i>Power of Words</i> program 7:30 pm	28 3rd of Cheshvan, 5783 Candles 5:41 pm	29 4th of Cheshvan, 5783 Noach Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm
30 5th of Cheshvan, 5783 <i>Meet a Dog Named Cole</i> 9:00 am Sisterhood program 2:30 pm	31 6th of Cheshvan, 5783 <i>Fostering New Beginnings</i> 10:30 am Torah on Tap 7:30 pm Book Club 7:30 pm Virus Taskforce 8:00 pm			<b>SHABBAT SERVICES</b> Friday 6:30 pm Saturday 9:30 am		<b>WEEKDAY MORNING SERVICES</b> Sundays 9:00 am Monday – Friday 7:00 am Rosh Chodesh and Chol Hamoed 6:35 am Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah 9:30 am