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שלום ישראל

Israel Street Festival & Annual Jason Schenker Memorial Walkathon

Join the Temple Beth Abraham community in its celebration
on

Sunday, May 18, 2014 • 14 Iyar/Lag Ba'Omer, 5774
4 Raymond Street, Nashua, NH
Walkathon 9:30 AM
Festival 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

A New Phrase in Services

Conservative *Siddurim* (prayer-books) are true to the name – pretty conservative. The Hebrew text has remained remarkably standard over the past centuries. At every time in Jewish history, there have been variations of words and phrases in different communities. Jews from different countries often have different words in a certain prayer. Chasidic and non-Chasidic Jews express certain things differently in the prayer book.



Rabbi Spira-Savett

In Conservative Judaism, until now there have been two major versions that have had the imprimatur of the rabbis of the movement. First there

was the edition edited by Rabbi Morris Silverman in the 1940s. Then came a new version in the 1970s and 1980s, first for the High Holy Days and then for Shabbat and daily use, edited by Rabbi Jules Harlow. With some revisions in the 1990s, this is what we use now at Beth Abraham: *Siddur Sim Shalom*.

The most distinctive aspects of each *Siddur* are the style of translation and the design format. Each new *Siddur*, though, has also had a few changes of wording to reflect theological ideas. So, for instance, the blessings said by men at the beginning of morning services used to thank God “*Who has not made me a woman.*” Since Rabbi Silverman, both men and women thank God “*Who has created me in God’s image.*”

Each Conservative *Siddur* since the 1940s has wrestled with how to square the uniqueness and mission of the Jewish people with our dedication to justice and compassion for all of humanity. So Rabbi Silverman, basing himself on old manuscripts, changed the prayer for peace at the end of the morning *Amidah* so that it read *Sim Shalom B’olam* – “Grant peace in the world”, rather than just peace for the Jewish people.

In the revised *Siddur Sim Shalom*, that change was extended to the prayer for peace at the end of the evening *Amidah*. So now we sing *Shalom Rav al Yisrael Am’cha V’al Kol Yohsvay Tayvayl* – “May there be abundant peace over Your people
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Remembering and Celebrating Israel’s Founding

At Temple Beth Abraham May 18, Shalom Israel Street Festival

Internationally - May 5 & 6

Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day is dedicated to the memory of those who have given their lives so the State of Israel can exist today. *Yom Ha’atzmaut*, Israel’s Independence Day begins the minute Israel’s Memorial Day ends, making the switch from sorrow to joy swift and dramatic. The very existence of the Jewish state is owed to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives.



President
Lisa Bonneau



There are different reasons small groups may stop for a moment of silence, but in Israel on Memorial Day,

the entire country stops no matter where they are or what they are doing. Traffic stops, nobody talks, and a siren sounds while everyone bows their head and has private thoughts - a powerful symbol of remembrance embraced and enacted by a nation. On the next day, Israelis celebrate *Yom Ha’atzmaut*. On this day they celebrate in a variety of ways, but all having to do with being together and festive; they celebrate by waving the Flag of Israel, having barbeques, picnics, concerts, and visiting IDF camps!



Come join Temple Beth Abraham making our own celebration to mark Israel’s Independence Day on May 18. As American Jews, celebrating *Yom Ha’atzmaut* has been a way to express solidarity with the state of Israel and to strengthen their alliance with it.

We will start the day at 9:30 AM with the Jason Schenker Walkathon and then around 10:30 AM the festival will start with an opening ceremony and a variety of events will follow including a DJ, open mic, a *medurah* (bonfire) for cooking potatoes, face painting, arts and crafts and dancing. Don’t forget to write your message for the *Kotel* (Wall) and participate in the archeological dig.

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Israel and over all who live on the earth.” Our congregation adapted to the new phrase when we bought these prayer books a number of years ago, and even changed how we sing the melody on Friday night.

Our movement is in the process of producing a new prayer book again. Some members have been using the new *Machzor* (High Holy Day prayer book), and we have advance copies of a part of the Shabbat service.

In the new prayer book, the same idea about peace and humanity has been extended at the end of the *Amidah* and the *Kaddish Shalem* prayer. The editors include an option for a version of the last line that reads: *Oseh Shalom Bimromav, Hu Ya'aseh Shalom Alaynu V'al Kol Yisrael V'al Kol Yohsvay Tayvayl, V'imru Amen.* “May God who makes peace in the heavens, make people over us and over all Israel and over all who live on earth – and say: Amen.”

A congregant approached our Ritual Committee after the High Holy Days

asking that we consider adopting this change. We studied the history of these changes, and reflected on the meaning of praying for peace not only for Jews and the State of Israel, but for all humanity. We decided to adopt the new language.

We have begun to sing it whenever we say the *Kaddish Shalem* prayer, and we will begin learning how to sing it whenever we chant *Oseh Shalom* as a song. We will retain the old language for the Mourners' Kaddish, which is familiar and in many ways means more than just what the words say.

We will paste the new wording into our prayer books over the coming weeks, and I am posting recordings of how the melodies sound. You'll pick them up without too much effort. Hopefully, the change will also help everyone notice just how much we focus on *Shalom* in our prayers, and encourage us to reflect on the many dimensions of *Shalom* in our lives and the world.

I continue to write short interpretations of particular phrases and

prayers, and you can find them on the web at rabbijon.net/tefillah.html. I have been working on my own translations of certain prayers, where I am not satisfied with what we have in *Siddur Sim Shalom*. I am not in a hurry to replace our prayer books, but would love to assemble our own ideas in loose leaf binders, based on original work and what we find in prayer books generated in all corners of the Jewish world.

Ideas for how best to express our prayers in words, or how to interpret the words we have inherited, come from all directions. They can come from me, from members of the community, and from things we learn from other communities and teachers. I have put the advance copy of the new Conservative *Siddur* on the cart outside the Sanctuary. I encourage you to look at it and give feedback to me as well as to members of the Ritual Committee.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Jon

Remembering and Celebrating continued ...

There is so much more still being planned as I write this that you will have to visit the website for updates and details!

Please thank all the wonderful volunteers, teens and adults who passionately work on this program to bring it home for us to **remember and celebrate** with the Shalom Israel Street Festival.

B'yedidut (In Friendship),

Lisa



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- Podcasts – audio presentations on Jewish prayer, the Israel-Palestinian conflict, and *middot* (developing our ethical qualities)
- Information, news, and perspective on Israel
- Teachings about the weekly Torah reading and the prayerbook
- Text of sermons from High Holy Days and Shabbatot
- Melodies and more

Community News

Best Wishes to:

- Brandon Kalp & Lorraine Braun on their recent marriage
- Marlene & Jason Gallant on Daniel's engagement to Lindsay Rainville

Condolences to:

- Larry and Robin Golub on the loss of Larry's beloved brother Bruce Golub
- Michael & Stephanie Rosenblum on the loss of Michael's father, Sidney Rosenblum
- Debbie and Leonard Waldman on the loss of Debbie's mother, Grace Goodman

To all those people in our community who are ill we wish you a complete & speedy recovery.

**May 7 &
May 20**
9:30 - 10:45 AM
**Avodah Shebalev –
Devotion of the
Heart**
**Morning Prayer Circle Led
by Laura Hegfield**

Drawn from the wealth of wisdom and inspiration found in *Birchot Hashachar*, the preliminary morning prayers and *Psukei D'zimra*, the Songs of Praise section of our traditional prayers and psalms that follow through to the *Shema*, the series will be an opportunity to connect as a *kehillah kedosha*, holy community, to learn about our own habits of body, mind, heart and soul, to devote ourselves to *avodah shebalev*, service, or devotion of the heart in relation to *Hashem*, and this miraculous world we live in and tend.

Daily Minyan

Monday – Thursday

7:30 PM

*please help us make
a minyan in the
evenings.*

Sundays can be
arranged by request,
contact Rabbi Jon

Names of High School & College Graduates Wanted

We will be listing the names of all our high school and college graduates in the June bulletin. If your child will be graduating this year, please notify the Temple office by May 15. For high school graduates, we would like to know your child's name, the school they are graduating from and the college they will be attending.

For college graduates, please let us know the college they are graduating from and the degree he/she will be receiving.

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May Service Schedule

Services are held every Friday evening at 8:00 PM (unless otherwise noted) and every Saturday at 9:30 AM.

SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

May 2

Family Service 7:00 PM

May 9 & 10

Benjamin Vig Bar Mitzvah

May 16

Gimel & Dalet Class Service
7:00 PM

May 23 & 24

Hannah Gaffney Bat Mitzvah

Shavuot Services

June 3

8:00 PM

June 4

7:30 PM

June 4

9:30 AM

June 5

9:30 AM - Yizkor

7:30 PM - Yizkor

Kiddush, Oneg & Flower Sponsors

May 9 & 10

Ellen & Harry Vig in honor of Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah

May 16

Parents of Gimel & Dalet classes & Religious School

May 23 & 24

Sean & Melissa Gaffney in honor of Hannah's Bat Mitzvah



BENJAMIN VIG BAR MITZVAH Saturday May 10

Benjamin Orion Vig, son of Harry and Ellen Vig, brother of Elsa and Daniel,



will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 10, Parshat Behar. Benjamin is a 7th grade student at Innovation Academy in Tewksbury, and is very passionate about trains, engineering, and Star Wars. When not in school, Benjamin enjoys Tae Kwon Do, Kobudo, designing and building train layouts, and playing on his computer and PS3. After his Bar Mitzvah, he is looking forward to a summer filled with zombies, wizards, and warriors.

Hannah Gaffney Bat Mitzvah Saturday May 24

Hannah Gaffney, daughter of Sean and Missy Gaffney, and sister of Jonathan, will be called



to the Torah for her Bat Mitzvah on May 24th. Hannah is a 7th grader at Amherst Middle School. She enjoys cheerleading, art and hanging out with her friends and family. Hannah also loves going to sleep away camp at Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake in New York.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ANNUAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Our annual school awards and recognition of student achievement will take place during services

Erev Shavuot,
Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at
7 PM



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for all to view!

Join us as we celebrate
Shavuot, our students and
our teachers!
Oneg Following Services



Temple Beth Abraham School Committee So Much More than the PTA

During the past few years I have had the privilege of working with an outstanding and dedicated group of volunteers who make up our Temple Beth Abraham School Committee. The TBA School Committee has grappled with a number of policy issues, looked thoughtfully at our schedule and our curriculum, and supported and advised our faculty and staff. They have baked, travelled, planned innovative programs and stuffed Purim baskets. These people have volunteered tirelessly and have invested time and effort to continue to advance the educational process at Temple Beth Abraham's Religious School.



Director of
Education &
Programming
Heidi N. Lovitz

In conjunction with planning a very entertaining and financially successful Starry, Starry Night, the committee continued this fall to look at the challenges that our school faces and to scrutinize our overall curriculum. It was apparent to all that we needed to think critically

about incorporating new modes of teaching and learning as well as adapting our schedule to better accommodate our families. They took the challenge to heart. We began the process by reflecting on what we currently do really well and creating a list of educational priorities. Working in large groups and then sub-committees, we focused our priorities and set out to create a school that would serve to support those priorities. The committee faced many challenges and none of them simple. They debated not only the "what" of our educational program but the "why" as well. One meeting began with a D'var Torah that sparked some very heated debate and left people asking more questions than we could ever answer by the time we left. This was truly thoughtful and holy work!

School committee members read articles, visited other schools, talked with other directors and families and came back to the table with elements of different models that they thought were important to incorporate into our school. Then

the work of designing, surveying and implementation began in earnest.

Remember, this was all happening while conducting our second fundraiser of the year, coordinating our biggest ever sale of Mishloach Manot and assisting with plans for the Purim Carnival!

So here we are approaching the end of an arduous year for our school committee. Our community will soon begin to see the fruits of their labor; the realization of their thoughtful debate and unwavering commitment. Change will come in phases but will be evident. As we move into the next school year with excitement, Rabbi Jon and I as the professional leaders know that we could not have better partners in our work. We are grateful and humbled.

Todah Rabah (many thanks) to Chairperson Terry Watterson, immediate past chairperson Jane Goodman, Vice President of Education Bill Barry and committee members, Mara Friedman, Sharon Weiss, Joy Monfried, Alyse Savage and Eric Frank.

We invite you to share our passion and our vision, or to bake and help with raffle baskets. If you would like to join the school committee, please contact Terry Watterson or me.

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Keter Shem Tov Award Winner – 2014 - 5774

Stan's Our Man

Everybody knows his name. Whether you call him Stan or Mr. J., the mere mention of his name evokes thoughts of dedication, respect, tremendous knowledge and a beautiful voice, commitment beyond the norm, and a beautiful infectious smile. And so it should come as a surprise to no one that Stan, Mr. J., Stanley B. Juda, is our latest Keter Shem Tov honoree, our Crown of a Good Name.

רבי שמעון אומר, שלשה כְּתָרִים הֵן.
כְּתֵר תּוֹרָה וְכְתֵר כְּהֵנָּה וְכְתֵר מְלָכוּת.
וְכְתֵר שֵׁם טוֹב עוֹלָה עַל גְּבִיהֶן:

In Pirkei Avot Rabbi Shimon said: There are three crowns. The crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of kingship. But the crown of a good name (keter shem tov) excels above them. (Ethics of the Fathers 4:17)

Stan has been a fixture at Temple Beth Abraham for over 20 years. During that time he has skillfully excelled at all the above hats or crowns.

- As a teacher, imparting his love of Judaism and Torah to hundreds of Vav and Zayin students
- As a tutor, working one-on-one with students to support their Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparations
- As a leader, in the roles of Synagogue President and as chairperson of the House Committee
- As a volunteer, davening and leading us in prayer and song every Shabbat and holidays too
- As a reader, chanting Torah or Haftarah whenever needed
- As a committee member, working tirelessly on the fundraising committee
- As a builder, organizing and orchestrating the annual construction of the Sukkah
- As a mensch, to everyone who knows him

Stan is one of the most beloved leaders in our congregation. He does all the above “in between” holding a full-time management position at Sam’s Club, playing cards every week with the guys, playing regular rounds of golf on the links as soon as the snow clears in the spring until it reappears in the winter, taking an occasional excursion to the casino, and spending time with friends and family.

A native of New Jersey and alum of basketball powerhouse UConn, Stan is following in the path of his father Izzy, who in his 90’s continues to be a congregational leader. Stan’s sister Gerry is an active participant in Women’s League for Conservative Judaism. He is an incredibly proud uncle to Eric and Michael and their children, Sascha, Ma’Rav, and Benjamin.

Stan exemplifies the Pirkei Avot and sets an example for us all: “He who honors Torah will be honored by others”. We are proud to honor him with the Keter Shem Tov award.

Please join the Temple Beth Abraham community on June 7 at Shabbat morning services as we honor Stan locally, and again at the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire on Sunday morning June 8 as Stan is recognized as a Shem Tov in New Hampshire.



Have You Begun to Read Our Community Book *Hope: A Tragedy* By Shalom Auslander?

Saturday May 31

“Stories connect us”
(children’s author
Kate DiCamillo)

Connect with the
Temple Beth Abra-
ham community
by reading Shalom
Auslander’s *Hope a*



Tragedy. Written by the author of *Foreskin’s Lament*, *Hope: a Tragedy* is a funny (*darkly funny? absurdly funny? funny in the tradition of Jewish humor?* You decide!) novel that has won critical acclaim: A New York Times Notable Book 2012 and the 2013 winner of the British Jewish Quarterly Wingate Prize.

A quote to temp you from Page 76:

“This, said Mother, as she handed him a piece of dry, tasteless matzoh, is the bread of our affliction.

Where, young Kugel wondered, is the seven-layer cake of our salvation? Where is the muffin of our mirth? Where is our no-longer-reduced-to-jelly doughnut?”

CURIOUS?

Join the Temple Beth Abraham
Sisterhood Book Club

BABKA

And members of the community
for a Lunch and Learn Discussion
May 31, 2014

Simcha Club

Children whose birthdays occur in the month of May will be honored at the Family Service on Friday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM. A special birthday dessert will be served to the children at the Oneg Shabbat. We ask the parents (or grandparents) to send a donation of \$9.00 per child to help defray the cost of refreshments. Please make checks payable to TBA Sisterhood and send or drop them off at the Temple office (mark the envelope “Simcha Club”). Be sure to include the names and birth dates of your children. Donations are always welcome and will be acknowledged in the next bulletin.

We will be celebrating the birthdays of Michael Ashendorf, Maya Chasin, William Cohen, Jake Davidson, Sam Himmelstein, Maya Levine, Harry Porter, Harrison Preman, Alexander Scharf-Thibeault, Nathan Wolff and Raviv Mayer Young.

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Book Review by **Tahneer Oksman**

A Bintel Brief: Love and Longing in Old New York by Liana Finck

While, for many, letter writing has by now been replaced by faster, more efficient, and trendier modes of communication, there was a time when handwritten correspondence was a driving force in social, economic, and cultural daily life. This was especially true for transient, largely literate populations, like the emigrating Eastern European Jews of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, who often remained tied to the families, lovers, friends, and acquaintances that they left behind. Two recent books—Alice Nakhimovsky's and Roberta Newman's *Dear Mendl, Dear Reyzl* and Liana Finck's *A Bintel Brief*—explore the Jewish past via letters that reflect connections and collisions between old and new worlds. Through their

very different looks at the art of correspondence, these books remind us that paper archives continue to be relevant sources of historical and literary knowledge and inspiration, even in this digital age.

Liana Finck's *A Bintel Brief: Love and Longing in Old New York* is also a book that employs, at its foundation, documents from a bygone Jewish paper archive. *Bintel Brief* was a long-running advice column published in *The Forward* and created by the celebrated editor of that paper, **Abraham Cahan**. In her book, Finck, a cartoonist, transforms selected letters from *A Bintel Brief* that have been translated into English and that she further adapts into beautifully rendered comics. Through her sometimes dreamlike drawings, which vary in style depending on the letter, she brings to life the cast of characters within this "bundle of letters," who look to their "learned mister edi-

tor" for advice on how to deal with transitions and hardships in the new world. One writer, who left his home after his family was devastated by a pogrom, wonders what to do with the religious father he left behind, whom he just cannot "really picture... in the promised land." Another couple asks advice about whether or not to adopt a child, given the possibility that "the father could have been... a nogoodnik" and the mother might want the child back eventually. Finck interweaves these moving, often distressing stories from the past with a fantastical narrative in which a young woman from the present finds the letters and reads through them with the help of a ghostly Abraham Cahan. In Finck's *A Bintel Brief*, the stagnant paper archive is revived as past and present, word and image, letter writer and letter reader collide on the page.

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Visit the many famous sites in Israel
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Kikar Dizengof open mic coffee house with **Aaron Sagit**: Israeli contemporary musician
Search for ancient artifacts in the archeological dig
Shop & stroll Ben Yehudah Midrehov (pedestrian mall). Visit the Kotel (Western Wall) to send your prayers
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Something to Think About

Buzz and I arrived home from our travels in early April in time to prepare for Pesach. I hope your holiday was as rich with family as ours.



Elaine Brody

Even the youngest participated in the story of our freedom. I want to spend some time writing about the freedom we as Jews have come to rely on in the United States. When I returned to Beth Abraham in early April, I just opened the door and walked in. There was no locked fence around the property, no guard to let me in or check my identity, no locked door at the entrance to the building. I just walked in.

I have visited synagogues in many countries over the years. Outside the USA, most have restricted access. In Spain, I had to arrange ahead of time to go to the synagogue in Madrid by sending a photo of my Passport in advance of Shabbat. In Wellington, New Zealand, there is a locked gate and a guard. In Brisbane, Australia, a locked gate surrounds the building. We were fortunate to show up on a day when the custodian was there to unlock and show us around. There was a guard at the entrance to the Jewish Museum in Melbourne.

In the wake of the recent senseless murders by an avowed anti-Semite in Kansas, we are brought up short. We want to believe that could not

happen here. We take so much for granted as Jews in the United States. There is nowhere else that Jews are as free and unfettered as we are in this country. Even in Israel there are laws that make some choices difficult for Jews who do not follow the path of Orthodoxy. So here we are... free to be observant or not, free to proclaim our Jewishness or to keep it to ourselves.

I believe we have a responsibility to proclaim, to participate. It is the only way to preserve this freedom we hold dear. I hope this gives you something to think about.

*L'hitraot,
Elaine*



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Kabbalah with Eitan Zeira

May 31 at Betenu after services

BABKA

Discusses *America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story* on May 28

E-Maggid

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Rabbi Jon's Tish

Every Saturday Morning at 9:00 AM

Singing and discussion before services

Lunch and Learn: Temple Beth Abraham Reads!

Our first-ever community read is the novel *Hope: A Tragedy*, by Shalom Auslander. Details on page 9. Contact Ellie Schwartz for more information. Come and discuss the book with the community over lunch on Shabbat on Saturday, May 31.

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to **VOLUNTEER! Thank you!**

What is ShulCloud?

No, it's not a shul up in the sky. ShulCloud is the 21st century synagogue management software that we are implementing at Temple Beth Abraham. When fully implemented, it will replace our previous system that has been used for 10 years and is no longer supported. ShulCloud allows us to accurately track financial transactions and enables easier communications.

This project started in 2013 with Barry Sack and Steve Zedeck leading an effort to identify available solutions that could meet the unique requirements of a synagogue and provide the financial and relationship management features required. We started with a recently published report titled "A Guide to Synagogue Management Systems" that was commissioned by a consortium of synagogue organizations. We selected three of the available solutions to demonstrate and conducted a formal evaluation. After completing the evaluation and speaking with customer references; we recommended and the Board approved the implementation of ShulCloud.

ShulCloud was initially developed by a group of people for use at their own shuls. It is now being used in hundreds of synagogues in the U.S. and other countries. ShulCloud is

sold and supported by a company named Rusty Brick that is also a provider of Jewish themed mobile applications. (Refer to the Your Jewish Connection – What's your app? article on page 17 of the April Bulletin.)

What does this mean to you? When implementation is complete, members will have the option of accessing their member account record via any Internet-connected device (computer, tablet, smartphone). If any of your healthcare providers currently use a member portal, or you use an online banking application, then this kind of online access should be familiar to you. After implementation, when connecting to the www.tbanashua.org web site, you will see a login button that will allow any authorized member to securely view information about their member record including contact information, Yahrzeit dates, and account payment details. Authorized members will be able to update your own contact information (address, phone, email, etc.) and Yahrzeit details whenever required or may continue to contact the temple office to make changes on your behalf. You will also be able to subscribe and unsubscribe to certain communications and specify the desired delivery format

(paper mail, email, or text message). Members will also be able to pay bills and register for events online.

This new software will provide great benefits in the management of Temple Beth Abraham. Office staff, school staff, Board and committee members will be able to access contact information for authorized purposes. We will also be able to leverage the data in the system to generate targeted communications rather than having to maintain dozens of independent lists. For example, we could identify everyone with a birthday this month, or everyone with a student in 3rd grade, or all members who live in a specific town. ***Be assured that only the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Office Manager will have access to financial details.***

The plan is to complete the implementation of ShulCloud before the temple's new fiscal year starts on July 1st. For now, you don't need to do anything. We wanted to inform you of this project and let you know that additional communication and assistance will be provided when ShulCloud is available for your use. If you have any questions about this new software, please contact Barry Sack via email at barry.sack@iname.com or phone at (603) 566-8308 to discuss.

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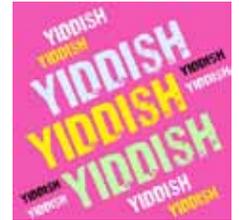
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Your Jewish Connection

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Shlemiel, Shlimazel...

Do you remember those words from the opening of the Laverne and Shirley television show? Did you know it was Yiddish? So many people use Yiddish words and have no idea that they're doing so. It's an expressive language originally spoken by Eastern European Jews. Jews in the entertainment industry and areas with large populations of Jews on the east coast of America provided the Yiddish that's become part of our American culture.



Almost everywhere you go, from east to west, south to north, and everywhere in between, you can encounter Yiddish in every day conversations. Check out the [top 10 Yiddish words](#) you probably know. Then go on to see how many additional Yiddish words you know by reviewing this [list of 40 words](#). Similar lists can be found on Wikipedia (see [English words of Yiddish origin](#) and [Yiddish words used in English](#)).

Unfortunately, the use of Yiddish as a spoken language is on the decline. According to the US Census Bureau, Yiddish was number 11 of non-English languages spoken in the US in 1980. As of 2010, Yiddish dropped to number 17 (source: [The Washington Post](#)).

A local resource we have available is the [Yiddish Book Center](#) in Amherst, MA. You can visit and tour their exhibits, learn through their various programs, watch oral history videos, and listen to podcasts. You can even visit their gift shop and get a tote bag sporting the word "shlep"!



Another local resource is [The Yiddish Voice](#), a Yiddish language radio program based in Brookline, MA. You can listen to it live on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm on WUNR 1600 AM. You'll want to explore the audio and program rundowns, as well as audio of Sholom Aleichem. Plus there is an extensive list of Yiddish-related links.

Perhaps you're a geek and want to know about Yiddish technology. Have a look at this site – [Understanding Yiddish Information Processing](#). There is a users' guide and links to Unicode information and text editing. Need to check out the spelling of some Yiddish text? Visit the [Yiddish Typewriter](#).

You can learn Yiddish through the Yiddish Book Center, but even closer is the Boston Workmen's Circle Center for Jewish Culture and Social Justice. Check their [list of programs](#) for future offerings. For online learning, go to the [Yiddish Academy](#). They list their top 7 reasons why people want to learn Yiddish. NOTE that this is a paid program.

To learn more about Yiddish and Jewish life in Eastern Europe, visit [AHEYM](#), the Archives of Historical and Ethnographic Yiddish Memories, sponsored by Indiana University. There are several online exhibits of videos on daily life, historical events, religion and ritual, and songs, poems, prayer. Also look at the [Mayrent Institute](#) for Yiddish Culture sponsored by the University of Wisconsin. They offer Yiddish learning through language, dance, folktales, songs, and crafts. Mayrent also has a Yiddish Radio Project that won a Peabody Award for Excellence in Electronic Journalism. The project covered the history of Yiddish broadcasting. If you're looking for more scholarly information, then these web sites will be of use:



The Jewish Language Research Website, the [Yiddish page](#), provides a detailed history and description.

[MyJewishLearning](#) covers Yiddish from many perspectives. Enter Yiddish in the Search box in the upper right and select the topic you're most interested in.

[Chabad](#) also has several Yiddish articles. Enter Yiddish in the Search box in the upper right and select the topic you want. Nu, don't kvetch or go mishegas. Get the mishpocheh and learn the joys of Yiddish!

Yahrzeits

*During Friday evening and Saturday morning services,
Memorial prayers will be recited for the following:*

May 2 & 3

Frances Banner, mother of Stanley Banner
 Frances Brody, mother of David Brody
 Richard Dorner, father of Bruce Dorner
 Louis Ellenson, father of Sandra McCurdy
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 Judith Gorelick, mother of Jeff & Jay Gorelick
 George Hayden, father of Claretta Malin
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 Ida Kosofsky, mother of David Kosofsky
 Alton McCormick, father of Sharon Spivak
 Irvin Harry Nichols, father of Suzanne Maine
 Jackson Pastor, father of Jeffrey Pastor, and brother-in-law of Selma Pastor
 Ruth Rickless, sister of Minette Klein
 Louis Rudnick, grandfather of Janis Silver
 Tobias Schnitzer, grandfather of Liliane Sznycer
 Maida Sproul, mother of Nancy Cantor
 Russell Sproul, father of Nancy Cantor
 Murray Alter Edward Blumenthal Charles Brown
 Morris Finkel Elizabeth Fischer Ann Sunstein
 Etta Tanzer Harold Silverstein Morris Weisberg

May 9 & 10

William Barry, father of Bill Barry
 Sam Borer, father of Lynda Levine
 Louis Brownfield, grandfather of Larry Golub
 Michelle Fagin, mother of Robert Goldstein
 Joseph Freedman, husband of Henrietta Freedman,
 and father of Ben Freedman
 Henry Gilbert, father of Joy Monfried
 Mark Green, brother of David Green
 Max Greenspan, father-in-law of Marilyn Greenspan
 Richard Kern, husband of Sheryl Rich Kern
 Carole Platt, mother of Justin Platt
 Lisa Pollack, daughter of Stan Pollack
 Edith Silber, mother-in-law of Dotty Silber
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May 16 & 17

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May 2 & 3 Yahrzeits Continued ...

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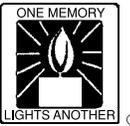
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