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# **“BBQ and Barchu”**

## **Fridays, July 13 and August 3**

5:30 p.m. Pre-Shabbat Barbecue

7:00 p.m. Outdoor Evening Service

*See Services Page for Details*



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## Read Up

I've written before in the bulletin about summer as a good time for Jewish reading. Any season is a good time for Jewish reading! Here are some recommendations for the big picture about the major ideas of Judaism, and about Israel.



Rabbi Spira-Savett

Most of us get engaged, occasionally or frequently, in discussions or arguments about Judaism or Israel. Sometimes just with ourselves. The best way to make these discussions satisfying -- for you, for the people you might be able to educate, for the people you wish you could persuade -- is to have a working big picture, and details that fill it in. These are a few great books for that purpose:

### **Rabbi Arthur Green, *Judaism's 10 Best Ideas: A Brief Guide for Seekers***

Rabbi Green is one of the most important thinkers in modern Judaism, having held major positions at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Hebrew College. This is one of his easier books; he has several other worthwhile and more dense works on Jewish theology.

Art writes briefly about each of ten different core Jewish concepts. Chances are, you hadn't thought about one or more of these concepts as being on Judaism's top ten, or you may simply be surprised by the order he has chosen. That's the main reason to read this -- to think with Art and with yourself about

the most important ways Judaism speaks to today's world and today's human being.

### **Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, *The Book of Jewish Values***

Rabbi Telushkin is our age's Jewish encyclopedia writer, and his books are chock-full. This is the one we give our B'nai and B'not Mitzvah at Beth Abraham. It consists of 365 entries, each one tackling an idea or a practical guideline in Jewish ethics. You can read it in order, or you can look for any issue of how to act right. You'll be amazed at the texture of what Judaism has had to say about every kind of relationship, and how Judaism has a suggestion to address every kind of human flaw.

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## From the Incoming President

I am deeply humbled and honored to serve as the next President of Temple Beth Abraham.



President  
David Sacks

First, allow me to express my deep thanks and gratitude to Michael Harris for ably serving as the prior President of our congregation for the past 3 years. He leaves very large shoes to fill in, especially when it comes to his thoughtful, inspiring and articulate letters and speeches, and his strong leadership to guide the board and keep it focused on the matters at hand. I want to extend my gratitude also to long-serving board members whose terms have recently expired, namely past president, Lisa Bonneau, past secretary Alan Green and Wendy

Kolopsky. Hopefully your retirements from the board will be brief.

The coming years appear daunting and challenging for shuls and other formal religious institutions. Membership levels have been decreasing nationwide as shuls try to find ways to continue to engage area Jews in a time when long-standing norms are being questioned with alternate business offerings. In virtually every industry the idea of just paying for what you use is becoming an expectation, especially among our millennials. Is the idea of a "zip-shul" that far off the horizon? But when these Jews look for a place to go when they need it, will it still be there? What financial model can sustain this changing mindset? How do we encourage them to continue

to want to look for and join the "local shul"?

The key to our congregation's growth is to continue to build and maintain warm relationships with people walking through our doors to attend services, school, programs and events. People should feel a sense of home to want to join us and return again and again. I invite everyone to reach out to new people attending offerings in our building and welcome them. Let's understand what they are looking for. How can we help them become more engaged and feel the *hemischkeit* (down-to-earth feeling) of Beth Abraham?

We need to continue to look at the offerings inside our shul and school  
*(Continued on the following page ...)*

**Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel,  
*Moral Audacity and Spiritual  
Grandeur***

Heschel was a unique figure, steeped in Chasidic tradition and German academia and the activism of the 1960s. You couldn't go wrong with any of his books. They are poetry and prophecy and ideas. I suggest this collection, put together by his daughter, Professor Susannah Heschel of Dartmouth. These essays and speeches give you a sense of Heschel's agenda to get Jews to talk about spirituality, to develop and use a God language to demand more from prayer services and rabbis, to see modern issues of war and poverty through the lens of the prophets.

***Ari Shavit, My Promised Land***

This is a challenging book about the history of Zionism and Israel, written by a loyal critic. Shavit narrates a series of challenges, about one

per decade, that first Zionism and then Israel have had to face. Each one came with moral dilemmas and very little time to consider decisions. Shavit refuses the easy judgments of hindsight as well as the idea that Israel can do no wrong. This is a very helpful book for learning how to think about the issues that Israel's harshest critics use to question the legitimacy of Israel.

**Yossi Klein Halevi, *Letters to My  
Palestinian Neighbor***

The author is an Israeli journalist and Orthodox Jew, who believes essentially that the Jews have a moral claim to the entire Land of Israel, and that the Palestinians have a moral claim to the entire land of Palestine. In the long term – though not yet – Halevi believes in dividing the land as a historical injustice in the service of justice to living people. He has spoken at times of the typical Israel being divided internally, having “right-wing days” and “left-

wing days.”

So he sets out in this work to explain the essential components of the Jewish claim to our land, to a hypothetical Palestinian neighbor just across the wall that guards his own home at the edge of Jerusalem from potential terrorists. He addresses head-on each of the claims made by Palestinian movements that deny a historic Jewish connection or claim to the land. This is a close cousin to Shavit's book, written from the perspective of the Orthodox Zionist peace camp.

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When you are reading about Judaism and Israel, try not to spend too much time on articles online that don't add something new. Use some time this summer to dig deeper. If you discover something really good, send me a note so I can share it, or post it to our Facebook page.

*L'shalom,*

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*From the Incoming President continued....*

to make sure that these are inspiring people to attend and return. We may need to adjust here and there to the changing times and needs. It is important to maintain a strong connection to our traditions but at the same time, we will need to innovate to attract new and existing members to continue to join us for our offerings and support our long standing community ideals.

An example of this type of innovation, are the new alternative services for the High Holy Days 2018. These will provide different options for members and guests who are looking for something beyond our traditional services. While I feel very at home in our traditional service, I realize that there are many attendees who don't.

They have different backgrounds, perhaps interfaith, and would like to experience the High Holy Days in a way that can provide more meaning to them. In 2018, we will provide a multigenerational family learning service led by Eliana Light that will incorporate learning, prayers, and music to help serve members and guests with their family members young and old.

We have to look at financial models and dues structures so that we can meet the needs of all our congregants. Of course we would love for these to be as low as possible but at the same time there are minimum costs to run a shul that can provide the experience and offerings that many of us have come

to expect. We will challenge ourselves to find the right balance while still continuing to invest in the critical offerings for a viable congregation.

I look forward to working with the Rabbi, Education Director and a diverse and energetic board that aims only to serve the Temple to be its best. While we already have a good group of insightful members, there remain a couple of open seats, especially on our executive board. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [president@tbanashua.org](mailto:president@tbanashua.org) if you have an interest in working with us to take our congregation forward.

Have a wonderful summer.

*Respectfully David Sacks*



## July/August Service Schedule

Services are held every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday –Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENT SERVICE

**July 13**

Barbecue 5:30 & Barchu (outdoors) 7:00 p.m.

**July 21**

\* Tisha B'Av Services 9:00 p.m.

**August 3**

Barbecue 5:30 p.m. & Barchu (outdoors) 7:00 p.m.

**August 24 & 25**

Jackson Goldstein Bar Mitzvah

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**August 18**

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& Eitan Zeira in honor of Elly's  
upcoming marriage

**August 24 & 25**

Deborah & Robert Goldstein in  
honor of son, Jackson's Bar Mitzvah

### \* Tisha B'Av,

The 9th Day of Av commemorates the anniversary of the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem and other calamities of Jewish history. It is traditionally a day of fasting.

In services, we chant the biblical book of *Aicha* (Lamentations).

## Community News

### Best Wishes to:

- Cheryl & Mark Liebling on the birth of granddaughter, Sasha
- Stephanie & Mike Rosenblum on the birth of grandson, Elisha Shimon HaCohen

### Deepest Sympathy to:

- Diane Toth on the loss of her friend & companion, Ed Wiatrzyk

### Welcome New Members:

- Michael & Sroythong Wolfson (Amherst, NH)

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

## Bar Mitzvah of Jackson Goldstein

Hello, my name is Jackson Goldstein and my Bar Mitzvah is on August 24 and 25. My Torah portion, *Ki Teitzei*, is very unique because instead of a story it is the many laws of the Israelites thousands of years ago.



I always have fun doing my favorite sports: baseball, basketball, and skiing. I will start my schooling at Hollis-Brookline Middle School in the fall. In school, I can always count on having fun in science because it is my favorite class.

I cannot wait for my Bar Mitzvah to come because my friends keep asking questions about it, so I tell them to wait and find out. I want to thank all of my supporters and teachers for helping me along the way.

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\$8 per adult, \$4 per child, free for  
ages 5 and under,

### 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Evening Service

Come anytime from 5:30 p.m. on for a pre-Shabbat barbecue with Jewish music in the background. Stay for Shabbat candle lighting and a rousing, singing Shabbat evening service with guitar outside, followed by Shabbat table rituals (*kiddush and motzi blessings*) and dessert. Invite friends!

RSVP by Wednesday of each week at [tbanashua.org](http://tbanashua.org) or (603) 883-8184

No RSVP necessary for  
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## What's In a Name?

I wonder how many of you know the name of our religious school. Probably most people would say it is Temple Beth Abraham Religious School. Well, you



Director of Education  
and Family Engagement  
Noreen Leibson

wouldn't be wrong to think that, as that is how we refer to ourself. But the truth is we have a special name that was bestowed upon us in 1986, the date when the school as you know it was dedicated. The name of our school is Philip Porter Religious School housed in the Alice and Julius Miller building. I wonder if this name fell from use because it was a mouthful.

Hattie and Philip Porter and Alice and Julius Miller were close friends and generous and active members in Temple Beth Abraham. The Porters donated the land upon which the school sits, and the Millers gave a substantial sum of money to build the school. Of course many families made donations to fund the building of our beautiful school.

As of today, we will return to using our *Shem Tov*, "good name". It is a name that honors two families that are now in our past but whose names shall forever endure. In the fall, we will plan an opportunity for our students to learn about those who walked before them. We will learn about the Porters and the Millers and think about what it means to have a Good Name. It will take a bit of practice but from the standpoint of doing what is just and right, we will refer to our school as Philip Porter Religious School.

In August, the school calendar will be available on the synagogue website. Families that enroll their children will receive a copy of the calendar through email. The faculty and staff have been, and will continue, working on finessing the school curriculum. We are taking a deep look into our Hebrew teaching sequence, assessing the past and working for the future. I am pleased to share that Rina Scharf will be working with the Dalet, Hai and Vav students as the lead Hebrew resource teacher one day each week. She will also continue as the Gimel teacher as well. Speaking of the Gimel class, we are trying something new for our Gimel students. They will attend on Sundays and Tuesdays. This is a pilot schedule that we hope will support the needs of some of our families. If this schedule works for these families, we will look at moving in that direction.

There are many exciting plans waiting to bud next year. We will welcome Eliana Light, a teacher and troubadour of Jewish music and prayer who arouses and stirs the soul. She will be with us on October 12 – 14. Eliana's creative programming and her service leadership skills are remarkable and as such will bring something to every age. She rocks with the littlest ones and elevates the spirit of the older ones. In fact, before she comes for the fall Shabbaton, everyone will have a chance to worship with her during the High Holy Days. How so, you may wonder. Well, Eliana will be leading our alternative High Holy Day services. Keep your eyes and ears open to learn more.

At this point, the 2018-19 registration has been sent to families in the system as well as prospective attendees. The Teen Beth Abraham Philanthropists, known as BAP, is accepting registration as well. If you do not receive a form by email, please go to the synagogue website to find the link to register. In addition, you may call Jessica or me. I am very excited to welcome everyone in the late days of summer. We invite all of our students and their families as well as people who are thinking about our program to a Welcome Back Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. More information will be available in the next bulletin. I hope you will keep this date open. We have a great building, a super rabbi, a fabulous faculty and lots of good things happening here. The only missing piece is YOU!

With my best wishes for a sunny and fun summer!

*L'hitraot – "See you later"*

*Noreen*

### Important Dates

**September 6** – First day of week-day school

**September 8** – Welcome Back Ice Cream Social

**September 16** – First day of Sunday school

First Beth Abraham Philanthropists (BAP)

**October 12 – 14** - Shabbaton with Artist in Residence Eliana Light

## Chevra Kadisha—“Help Wanted”

You may or may not know that the greater Nashua area has a *Chevra Kadisha*, a “sacred society” that prepares the deceased of our community for burial. The ritual preparation of the body of the deceased is called “*tohora*”, purification, and is both a spiritual and physical purification.

The *mitzvah* of taking care of the dead is the final *mitzvah* that can be performed for a person. Since the deceased is unable to reciprocate, the *mitzvah* of *tohora* is considered a true act of lovingkindness. It is a great honor to be a member of the *Chevra Kadisha* and carry out this *mitzvah*.

We have a Women’s *Chevra Kadisha* and a Men’s *Chevra Kadisha*, both made up entirely of volunteers. Currently, we are in need of a few more women for our Women’s *Chevra* and a few more men for our Men’s *Chevra*. To be a member of either *Chevra Kadi-*

*sha* group, a person must be a Jewish adult. No other prior knowledge or experience is needed. Our members observe at first, then participate more when they feel comfortable doing so. It is not required that all of our members are available to participate in every *tohora*; usually, four to six of us are needed each time. The frequency with which we are called upon is variable. In recent years, the time commitment has been a couple of hours, often in the early evening, a handful of times a year. This time commitment may increase as our community ages.

If this *mitzvah* is something that interests you, please contact Rabbi Jon. He will refer you to a member of the *Chevra*.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Thank you,*

*The Members of the Chevra Kaddisha*



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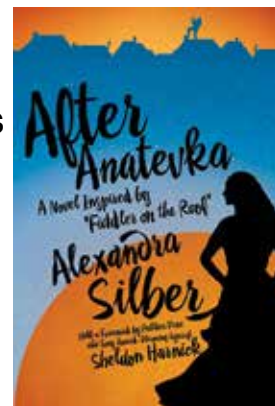
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## Meet Alexandra Silber, Broadway Actor and Author Sunday, August 12 at 10:30 a.m.



Author and actress Alexandra Silber has starred on both Broadway and the West End, having played the role of Tzeitel in the most recent Broadway revival of *Fiddler on the Roof* and previously playing Hodel across the pond. Ms. Silber has written a book about what happens after Hodel leaves the stage. The result is *After Anatevka*, a sweeping historical novel that continues the story of the canonical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Ms. Silber, in

her utterly charming and engaging style, will lead a book talk about *After Anatevka* followed by a Q & A session. Be sure not to miss this enlightening event with a true star of Broadway.





**Temple Beth Abraham  
Charity Golf Tournament  
Thursday, August 9**



**7:30 a.m. Registration ~ 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start  
Souhegan Woods Golf Club, Amherst, NH  
Registration Form**



Please complete this form in full and return with your payment to:  
**Temple Beth Abraham 4 Raymond Street, Nashua, NH 03064**  
Fax: (603) 594-8983

This fun filled event is open to all men and women, members and non-members.  
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## Something to Think About

We are getting ready for the late June arrival of our Israeli granddaughters... and their parents, of course. It has been a summer tradition since Kate and Ofer and the girls returned to live permanently in Jerusalem about nine years ago. They come here for about a month and we spend as much time together as possible. We cherish these summer visits with the knowledge that it won't be long before the girls will have lives of their own and obligations that won't include long summer holidays with Grammy and Pa. Keshet will be twelve in September and become Bat Mitzvah. Savyon is thirteen and a half, and Sapir will be fifteen soon.



Elaine Brody

Family is central to most people's lives, and the Beth Abraham family is certainly an integral part of ours. Very few members of our synagogue community have roots in Nashua or its surrounding communities. We came here from "away". The thing all of us did when we arrived was to seek out the synagogue, to become part of a community. Along the way, many of us have had the good fortune to form friendships that have become as close to family as you can get without blood or marriage ties.

Look around at your group of friends. Are they part of the Beth Abraham community? If they are, is there someone new you could include? If they're not, do you wish you could become closer to those who are? There are so many ways to meet people. Join a committee,

volunteer at the school, participate in Sisterhood or Men's Club activities, come to services, let Rabbi Jon know you'd like an invitation to someone's home for Shabbat dinner.

Being a part of the synagogue community is important. This is not just a feel good statement. The synagogue needs you for its continued wellbeing through your participation and your financial support. As you become more involved, you will see that your continued wellbeing is supported by the connections you forge in the TBA community.

I hope you'll give these things some thought while you enjoy your summer. You know... it's something to think about.

*L'hitraot,  
Elaine*

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## Welcome, Eliana Light for High Holy Days and October Shabbaton

Eliana Light is an award winning songwriter and educator who empowers people to make Judaism their own through song, experiential education, and prayer. She has put out two albums of original Jewish music, *A New Light* and *Eliana Sings (About Jewish Things!)*, and travels the country providing artist-in-residence weekends, teaching at conferences, and consulting with synagogues to create intentional, meaningful prayer experiences for adults and children alike. Her songs have been featured on PJ Library compilations and are used by educa-

tors, song-leaders, and clergy all over the country. Eliana has performed and taught at the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial, the NewCAJE Jewish Education Conference, Limmud New York, Songleader Boot Camp, Hava Nashira, and the DeLeT Masters Program. She is the author of [Hebrew in Harmony](#), a curriculum published by Behrman House that teaches prayer and Hebrew through music. She is also the founder of [the G!D Project](#), an educational initiative focused on accessible, meaningful conversations about G!D and spirituality through

ritual, text, and creativity. Eliana received her Masters in Jewish Experiential Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2016, and is based in New York City. [www.elianalight.com](http://www.elianalight.com)



A taste of things to come at Temple Beth Abraham as we look ahead to the...

# High Holy Days

**Rosh Hashanah, September 9– 11**  
**Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur, September 18 & 19**

**At our foundation** are **Sanctuary Services** led by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett, Chazan (cantor) Stan Juda, and David Sacks, with participation by our Zimria choir, and other congregants of all ages leading readings and chanting Torah and Haftarah. You can find familiar and new melodies going up on the web at <https://www.tbanashua.org/hhmelodies>, and watch for sessions this summer to learn melodies and to brainstorm sermon ideas with Rabbi Jon.

This year, we welcome songwriter and educator Eliana Light for a new set of services and special programs held in the Great Space in our Religious School for members, families, guests, and anyone new to our community.

- Each experiential Jewish service will captivate, engage and inspire us to make meaning of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for ourselves and with our families.
- Energetic, friendly and musical Jewish artist and educator *Eliana Light* is our guide as we learn stories, call & response, sing familiar melodies, prayers & blessings, learn new songs with guitar & drumming, and sound the shofar like you've never experienced it before.
- These services are for all kinds and all ages of folks – *families, teens, couples, one parent with children, empty-nesters, grandparents attending with grandchildren, and individuals* – who'd would like an alternative High Holy Day service with guitar, singing and drumming in an interactive learning experience.
- Special programs will include activities for families with children 0-5 & G!D Project discussions.

Registration welcomed for all Sanctuary & Great Space Services.

Please follow the Website <https://www.tbanashua.org/> and read the special emails to come for information about our High Holy Day Services, Learning Opportunities, Online Registration and more!

**Questions?** For more information about High Holidays registration, please contact us at [office@tbanashua.org](mailto:office@tbanashua.org)



## Coming Events and Programming Brought to You by the Lifelong Learning Committee

BABKA Book Club meeting, Wednesday, July 4, - No meeting

BABKA Book Club meeting, Wednesday, August 1, 8:00 p.m.

*Dinner at the Center of the Earth* by Nathan Englander

Broadway Brunch with Alexandra Silber, Sunday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.

For more information, see the article in this Bulletin

## Ongoing:

Torah Study with Rabbi Jon and Noreen

Thursdays from 10:30 AM to Noon. Will return in September

Rabbijon.net and @TBARAV

Teachings on the weekly Torah reading and current events through a Jewish lens, podcasts, and music.

Rabbi Jon's High Holy day sermons are posted.

## Save the Date!

BABKA Book Club, September 5

*The Mathematician's Shiva* by Stuart Rojstaczer

Susannah Heschel and Men's Club Breakfast, **Sunday, September 23**

Have Ideas? Want to Help? Join Our Committee!

Contact Jeff Masors at [jmasors@gmail.com](mailto:jmasors@gmail.com) or Rabbi Jon at [rabbi@tbanashua.org](mailto:rabbi@tbanashua.org).

Contribute to the Elizabeth Fischer Memorial Fund to support our ongoing scholarly and cultural special programming.

Consider sponsoring a speaker or event. Contact the office or Rabbi Jon.

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# Have an Idea? Have a Question? Want to Get Involved?

## Beth Abraham Committees and Organizations

Judy, Noreen, and Rabbi Jon can put you in touch with the head of any group if you have something to discuss, are interested in joining a committee or would like to work on a project!

### **Board of Directors – President: David Sacks**

Sets overall policies and goals, monitors finances and overall wellbeing of Beth Abraham and our Jewish community. Specific responsibility for financial and facility decisions as they come up, and developing leadership and membership in all our committees.

### **Education and Family Engagement Committee – Chair: Sarit Itenberg**

Works with the Director of Education and Family Engagement to develop curriculum and programs to engage children ages 0-18 and their families, through Yedidim (for families of younger than school age), Religious School, other family and parent programs, USY teen youth group and other teen programs. Runs the annual Purim basket fundraiser.

### **Ritual Committee – Chair: Helen Honorow**

Develops religious policies for the synagogue, as well as initiatives to engage the community in Shabbat community, daily and weekly services, and Jewish practice in general. Puts on periodic international-theme Shabbat dinners at the synagogue.

### **Lifelong Learning Committee – Chair: Jeff Masors & Ellie Schwartz**

Plans adult education, Jewish cultural, and Israel-related programs,

including speakers, performances, BABKA book club, and classes. Committee members organize logistics and food related to these programs.

### **Chesed (Caring) Committee – Chair: Marsha Feder**

Provides meals after funerals, visits for the elderly, rides members who are unable to drive, and meals for families experiencing illness.

### **Tzedek (Social Justice) Committee – Chair: Marsha Feder**

Focuses on human rights issues and supports those in need, with a local focus. Committee members volunteer each week at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, and are involved in immigration issues in various ways. The committee approaches the Board and Rabbi for official statements on behalf of the community regarding issues such as immigration and LGBT rights.

### **Sisterhood – President: Becky Green**

Sisterhood is women coming together to help each other, help the community, and have fun in the process! Sisterhood organizes educational, sends holiday packages to college students, prepares food for a house of mourning after a funeral, arranges for food after Shabbat services, runs two rummage sales that raise money for local organizations, helps maintain the synagogue kitchen, and much more.

### **Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club – President: David Fox**

The SNHJMC caters to the social and educational needs, and beliefs, of men in the Southern New Hampshire area by way of our Sun-

day breakfast programs – our own brand of great programming and in collaboration with other Beth Abraham groups. The Bruce Retchen/Neil Goren Scholarship Fund gives a gift to Bar and Bat Mitzvah and provide stipends to students who are making educational trips to Israel.

### **Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society)**

One group of women and one group of men on call for the traditional preparation of bodies for Jewish burial. Traditionally, the members of the groups remain anonymous to do their work with humility.

### **Zimria (Choir) – Coordinator: Becky Green**

Our growing choir sings at Beth Abraham programs, High Holy Day and periodic Shabbat services, and an annual concert, and participates in the Greater Nashua Interfaith Choir.

### **Membership Committee – Contact: Wendy Kolopsky**

Reaches out to prospective members and welcomes new members personally.

### **Outreach and Communications Committee – Chair: Daniel Palmer**

Develops and executes marketing plan for major community initiatives, recruitment of new members, and the school, working with staff and other committees.

### **Finance Committee – Chair: Richard Cohen**

Oversees the investment of synagogue funds, develops an operating budget to propose to the Board each year, researches and recommends ideas for sustaining the institution financially.

*(Continued on the following page ...)*

**Cemetery Committee – Chair: Alan Green**

Oversees the maintenance of the Beth Abraham Cemetery at Exit 5 in Nashua, the selling of plots, and the logistics related to burials. Committee members take turns being on call in the event of a death.

**Fundraising Committee – Contact: Gaby Zeira**

Organizes an annual fundraising appeal, including communications and events, and strategizes about other initiatives such as planned giving.

**Interior Committee – Chair: Elaine Brody**

Oversees and approves all major design and decoration projects. Projects have included stained glass windows, Ner Tamid (eternal light), Hallelujah, Menorah, and Parochet (ark curtain) in the sanctuary as well as wall hangings and furnishings throughout the synagogue.

**House Committee**

Researches options and oversees repairs and renovations for the two buildings, working with our Facilities Manager.

**Security Committee – Chair: Harris Greenstone**

Recommends security practices and infrastructure for our two buildings.

**High Holy Day Committee – Chair: Chris Savage**

Organizes honors (coming to open the ark, have an aliya, etc.) during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, and serve as ushers in Sanctuary during services.

**Rabbi Liaison Committee – Chair: Marsha Feder**

This committee meets three to four times per year to provide a forum for discussions between the rabbi and a representative group of congregants.

If you have an issue relating to the rabbi that you aren't able to resolve directly, you can contact one of the committee members.

**Volunteer Opportunities Opening Up in July and August**

There are so many ways to get involved, whether one time or ongoing! Take a look at your calendar and get in touch if you are available at any of these times:

What	When	Contact
Greet and help people at Shabbat services	Every Saturday morning	Rabbi Jon
Be on call to shop or prepare food for house of mourning	Ongoing	Marsha Feder or Robin Rubin
Volunteer with Beth Abraham at Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter	Every Tuesday morning, shifts between 6-9 a.m. and 9 - 11 a.m.	Becky Green
Shop for Friday night BBQ	July 10-13, flexible	Rabbi Jon
Set up for Friday night BBQ (8 people)	Friday, July 13 after 3 p.m.	Rabbi Jon
Clean up (5 people)	Friday, July 13 4:30-8:30 p.m.	Rabbi Jon
Shop for Friday night BBQ	August 8-10, flexible	Rabbi Jon
Set up for Friday night BBQ (8 people)	Friday, Aug. 10 after 3 p.m.	Rabbi Jon
Clean up (5 people)	Friday, Aug. 10 4:30-8:30 p.m.	Rabbi Jon
Shop for light refreshments for Sunday program	Friday, Aug. 10	Jeff Masors
Setup for speaker program	Sunday, Aug. 12	Jeff Masors
Cleanup after speaker	Sunday, Aug. 12	Jeff Masors

# הקשר היהודי שלך

## Your Jewish Connection

Brought to you by the Lifelong Learning Committee – *Written by Linda S Trapasso*

### Kosher Summer Food in the Sun

Here we are into summer. Like me, you may be tired of the same old menus and cooking the same food. Spice up your summer and your food with these ideas!



If you like shakshuka, try a Latin-inspired version called [Green Shakshuka](#).

For salad lovers, there are these enticing recipes:



[Smashed Cucumber Salad with Za'atar and Feta](#)

[Green Rice Salad with Nectarines and Corn](#)

[Pickled Peach and Fennel Salad](#)

[JoyofKosher](#) Summer Recipe Series has pages full of ideas for summer cooking fun. Jamie Geller organized them by topic and you can find beef, chicken, fish, vegetarian, and more in her list.

Have you thought about not cooking for Shabbat? The Noshers at MyJewishLearning has [23 No-Cook Recipes to Survive Shabbat this Summer](#), such as Watermelon Salsa and Italian Chicken Salad.

And Pinterest has a page of [Kosher Summer BBQ Recipes](#). Try Grilled Salmon Kabobs or Balsamic Rosemary Steak, to name just two.



I hope you take the time to change up your summer cooking (or non-cooking) and find some new favorites!

To get prepared, head over to the Orthodox Union site where [OU Kosher Answers Your Summer Kashrut Questions](#).

Are you a fan of Mexican food? The Noshers at MyJewishLearning has [Jewish-Mexican mash-ups](#) for your dining pleasure: Pomegranate Brisket Tacos, Chicken Tortilla Matzoh Ball Soup, and even dessert – Mexican Chocolate Latkes with Cinnamon Whipped Cream.



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# Yahrzeits

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

## July 6 & 7

Paul Zavod, uncle of David Fox  
Gertrude R. Greenstone, mother of Harris P. Greenstone  
Ann Waldman, mother of Leonard Waldman and  
Naomi Steinberg  
Barbara Parsons, mother of Judy Parsons-Kerins  
Lynne Myers, sister of Philip Levy  
Andrew Levine, father of Caren Pelletier  
Albert Schoenberger, father of Kerry Schneider  
Carrie Dickens, daughter of Mark and Sandy Dickens  
Neal Finklestein, brother of Mark Finkelstein  
Beatrice Schanler, mother of Eileen Beckhardt Freedman  
Joseph Zevin, grandfather of Sam Brest  
Chaggai Lev, cousin of Elaine Brody  
Ida Kessler Charles Simberg  
Ralph W. Cushing Harry Heckman  
Leo A. Kesslen Morris D. Stein  
Maurice Mirsky Rabbi Bela Fischer  
Celia Saller Samuel Nusenoff

## July 13 & 14

Michael Rubin, grandfather of David Deifik  
Benjamin Little, father of Henrietta Freedman  
Sylvia Meltzer, mother of Stephen Meltzer  
David Sidransky, grandfather of Daniel Becker  
Ruth Grosky, mother of Richard Grosky  
Isidor Manheim, father of Jerry Manheim  
Joe Boise, father of Gwen Boise  
Martin Richmond, great uncle of Todd A. Porter  
Naomi Katzenstein, aunt of Karl Schenker  
Hume Feivelewitz Joseph S. Kaufman  
Gloria Weisberg Hilary Lederfajn  
Simon Sharpe Steven Kamensky  
Elizabeth Kamenske Charlotte Dobin  
David Sklar Melvin S. Weinberg  
Alex Nassauer

## July 20 & 21

Gabriel Kern, father-in-law of Sheryl Rich-Kern  
Hedwig Bornstein, grandmother of Liliane Sznycer  
Michael Linder, father of Rosely Cohen  
James Shapero, brother of Laura Thomson  
Betty Adams, mother of Jeffrey Adams

*July 20 & 21 Yahrzeits continued...*

William Green, father of David Green  
Anita Weber, mother of Jonathan L. Weber  
David Gross, brother of Deni Oven  
Robert A. Rosenberg, brother of Tobey Kaplan  
Bob Hegfield, brother of Gordon Hegfield  
Allan Silber, husband of Dorothy Silber  
Anne Stearns, sister of Marsha Geyer  
Florence Aisner, mother of Claudia Haime  
Nathan Chmelnitsky, great-grandfather of Rabbi  
Jonathan Spira-Savett  
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Dr. Max H. Shyavitz, father of Joel Shyavitz  
Allan Kern, friend of Daniel Becker  
Irving Kraus, father of Ann Fabian  
Joseph Freedman Sr., father-in-law of Henrietta Freedman  
Marilyn Prolman, wife of Earl Prolman  
Rich Brown, father of Deborah Brown  
Nancy Katz Gail Rosengard  
Benjamin Canner Belle Freedman  
Anita Tulkoff Lederfajn Maurice Shapiro  
Esther Osofsky Theresa Frances Rudman

## July 27 & 28

Samuel Schulman, father of Laura Schenkman  
Matthew Menns, father of children of Meredith Belesca  
Ruth Wittenberg, cousin of Liliane Sznycer  
Leonard Fein, father of Rachel Davidson  
Isaac Stearns, father of Marsha Geyer  
Molly Drillings, mother of Martin Rothberg  
Bessie Fabian, mother of Martin Fabian  
James Russell, brother of Colleen Lillstrang  
Sid Finklestein, father of Mark Finkelstein  
Robert Vega, father of Robert Vega  
Harriet Farber, mother of Sandra Gaffney  
Yetta Nadel, grandmother of Sharon Weiss  
Frances Kessler Dibner, sister of Marcia Weiss  
Paul Weber, brother of Jonathan Weber  
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## August 3 & 4

Rhoda Upson-Betts, mother of Rosalind Sandler  
Herman Farrer, grandfather of Abner Taub  
Edward Budnitz, father of Albee Budnitz  
Alfred Baker, father of Iyamoro Baker  
Albert Schanzer, father of Herbert Shanzer  
(Continued on the following page ...)

*(August 3 & 4 Yahrzeits continued ...)*

Rudolph Ackerman, father-in-law of Ann Ackerman  
 Tamra Devine, wife of Christopher Devine  
 Mel Leibson, father of Noreen Leibson  
 Nina Farrer, cousin of Abner Taub  
 Omer A Guillemette, stepfather of Debra Sack  
 Rosalyn Lewis, sister of Arlene Shapiro  
 Sylvia Trugman, mother of Ann Ackerman  
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   Nancy Moore  
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 Family of Sam Horowitz, father-in-law of Laura Horowitz  
 Mary Dawson, aunt of Paul Franks  
 Bertram Grollman, father of Ira Grollman  
 Robert Ferman           Nina Farrer  
 Jacob Brown            Rebecca Shamash  
 Rosalyn Davis

**August 10 & 11**

Jessie Long, grandmother of Steven Grass  
 Abraham Etscovitz, father of Laura Horowitz &  
   Jane Goldsmith  
 Stella Leitner, grandmother of Karl Schenker  
 Irving Schiff, father of Howard Schiff  
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**August 17 & 18**

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   Atara Kirsh & Loren Scharf-Thibeault  
 Edna Gelman, mother of Haywood Gelman  
 Goldie Gorodetsky, mother-in-law of Rochelle Goren  
 William Golub, father of Larry Golub  
 A. Orin Leonard, father of Seth Leonard  
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*August 17 & 18 Yahrzeits continued ...*

Bertram Eichel, father of Leigh Eichel  
 Rose Horowitz, mother-in-law of Laura Horowitz  
 Jack Kirsh, father of Robert Kirsh  
 Peggy Sproul, sister of Nancy Cantor  
 Jeff Meltzer, father of Stephen Meltzer  
 William Lyons, father of Colleen Lillstrang  
 Rosa Elkina, grandmother of Samuel Fain  
 Irving Shapiro, father of Richard Shapiro  
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**August 24 & 25**

Pearl Pally, mother of Sandy Greenbaum  
 Marion Goldmuntz-Garfunkel, mother of Claudine Cohen  
 A. Joseph Savage, father of Chris Savage  
 Michael Blic, friend of Sam and Sara Brest  
 Herman Hallet, father of Harriet Shanzer  
 Erez Chipman, grandson of Sandee Goldberg  
 Zelda White, mother of Rachel Davidson  
 Lillian Ackerman, mother-in-law of Ann Ackerman  
 John Grosch, father of Jacquelin Yellin  
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**August 31 & September 1**

Matilda Gallant, mother of Jason Gallant  
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 Myra Krulik for father, William Cohen  
 Nancy Dorner for father, Selwyn Ekman  
 Steven Haime for great grandfather, Solomon Freedman  
 Mark Dickens for sister, Karen Dimand  
 Marsha Geyer for mother, Lillian Sterns  
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