



L'Shanah Tovah!

Beth El-Norwalk



Please join us virtually for a special High Holiday experience

Our services will be via Zoom and will stream on our website. We will also have break out sessions including yoga, meditation and cool topics like Music from Around the World, food Rosh Hashanah-style and more. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information and links to Zoom.

Rosh Hashanah
September 19–20

Yom Kippur
September 28



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September/October 2020 Schedule of Services

September 4

6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:02pm Candle Lighting

September 5

10:00am Shabbat Service

September 11 Parking Lot Shabbat

6:50pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

September 12

10:00am Shabbat Service
8:30pm Selichot

September 13

10:00am Cemetery Service, Beth El Memorial Park

September 18 Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:38pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Rosh Hashanah Seder

Note: No Service

September 19, First Day Rosh Hashanah

9:45am Options: Yoga, Family Time
9:45am Traditional Service
10:30am– Youth Engagement Grades K-3
11:00am
11:30am– Youth Engagement Grades 4-6
12:15pm

September 20, Second Day Rosh Hashanah

9:45am Options: Meditation, Family Time
9:45am Traditional Service
10:30am– Youth Engagement Grades K-3
11:00am
11:30am– Youth Engagement Grades 4-6
12:15pm

September 25

6:26pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

September 26

10:00am Shabbat Service

September 27 Kol Nidre

6:23pm Candle Lighting
6:15pm Kol Nidre Service

September 28 Yom Kippur

9:45am Options: In the Margins, Family Time
9:45am Traditional Service
10:30am– Youth Engagement Grades K-3
11:00am
11:30am– Youth Engagement Grades 4-6
12:15pm
5:45pm Mincha
6:30pm Study Session
7:28pm Ne'ilah/Ma'ariv/Havdalah/Final Shofar Blast/Break Fast

October 2 Erev Sukkot

6:15pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Sukkot Dinner

October 3 Sukkot, First Day

10:00am Shabbat Service

October 4 Sukkot, Second Day

10:00am Shabbat Service

October 9 Hoshana Rabbah

10:00am Minyan, Last Chance to Shake the Lulav
6:03pm Candle Lighting,
Erev Shemini Atzeret
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

October 10 Shmini Atzeret

10:00am Service, including Yizkor
7:02pm Candle Lighting

October 10 Erev Simchat Torah

7:00pm Story Slam

October 11, Simchat Torah

10:00am Service

October 16

5:52pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

October 17

10:00am Shabbat Service

October 23

5:42pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

October 24 Bat Mitzvah, Miranda Rotstein

9:30am Shabbat Service

October 30

5:33pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

October 31

10:00am Shabbat Service

CLOSINGS:

OFFICE CLOSED – September 7, 28

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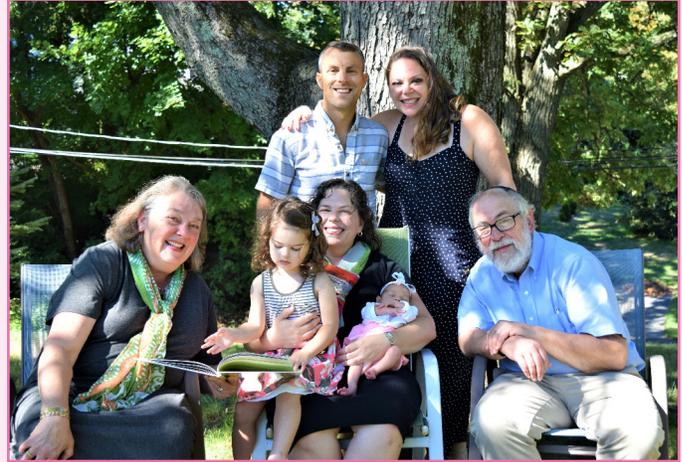
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Ayala Ziv is named for my maternal grandfather, John Spiegler, whose Hebrew name was Tzvi. Tzvi means gazelle, and Ayala means doe. Ziv means “splendor” but it sounds a bit like Tzvi. I hope she inherits his many wonderful qualities.

My grandfather came to the States from Vienna and built a successful career as a mechanical engineer at Corning Glassworks. He served in the Navy and was part of the Youth Zionist movement, where he met my grandmother. He was the quieter of the 2 for most of his life, focused on daily exercise, gardening, and tinkering with anything and everything. After she died, he engaged more fully in all of his relationships, and I hope that friendship and family will be as important Ayala as they became to him.

My grandpa was known in our family for his singing of Adir Hu at the end of the seder. He belted it out and added his own “tra la la”, which we love! I hope that Ayala loves singing as much as he did, and as much as our family does.

She is lucky to be loved by so many, including our wonderful Beth El community. Thank you for sharing in our joy!



President's Greeting by David Hirshfield

Dear Congregants,

I hope this finds everyone well and that you and your families are successfully managing the unique challenges posed by the pandemic. Whether we're preparing our kids for hybrid learning, welcoming home a newly-remote college student, or relying on Zoom to maintain connections, we've all come to realize just how much of our pre-COVID-19 lives we may have taken for granted. Was it only six months ago that social distancing began in earnest? It seems like far more time has passed since we were able to gather together in shul, meet for a cup of coffee, or stop to chat in the supermarket aisle.

Even so, life goes on. As a community we have found new ways to be there for one another, despite the limitations imposed by the virus. We have celebrated simchas remotely and made shiva calls via Zoom. Morning minyan is well-attended, and Shabbat mornings have provided an additional opportunity to connect as we typically split up into "kiddush table" breakout rooms at the conclusion of services. Most recently, we were all able to celebrate together with Rabbi Paskind, Noa, and their family as we got our first look at Ayala Ziv during her virtual Simchat Bat. Mazal Tov to all the Paskinds!

So, we adapt and search for silver linings. When my daughter Gabi graduated from high school last spring, we missed out on a traditional commencement ceremony, replete with a parade of seniors waiting for their names to be called and a full program of speeches and remarks. The ceremony included only a group of her classmates, and all the speeches were pre-recorded and available online. (On the other hand, the ceremony included only a group of her classmates, and all the speeches were pre-recorded and available online.) And when we packed her up to deliver her to college, she was disappointed that she and her roommate wouldn't be sharing a room, since all students were assigned their own single. She did have more room for her stuff (two closets, after all) so the changed situation wasn't entirely negative.

I mention these personal examples to underscore an important lesson I've learned during the past few months—while we may observe milestones in ways that bear little resemblance to what we've "always done," we can adjust our expectations and derive joy, naches, and comfort from the new normal. And as we prepare for the High Holidays our biggest adjustment, as a community, is only a few weeks away.

As we've communicated already, our High Holiday experience this year will be almost entirely virtual. That doesn't mean that we're transplanting all of the in-person experience at

109 East Avenue to a single, lengthy, Zoom meeting. I must credit Rabbi Paskind and the members of the High Holiday committee for treating the challenges posed by the pandemic as a real opportunity. Certain services will maintain the traditional format—Kol Nidre and Neilah late on the afternoon of Yom Kippur, for instance—but at other times we'll be hosting multiple, simultaneous, Zoom meetings. Of course, you're welcome to stick with the traditional approach. But if you'd prefer to participate in a text study or to join in with other families with young children, we'll be providing alternate Zoom sessions during many parts of our services on the mornings of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. This promises to be an exciting new way to create connections, remain engaged, and derive spiritual sustenance during these Yamim Nora'im. Different, to be sure. But still meaningful.

In the meantime, I'd like to wish everyone a Shanah Tova U'metuka – a happy, sweet, and healthy New Year.

David



Nitzan Nursery School News

by Amy SantaLucia



This has certainly been a unique summer for Nitzan Nursery School. While we decided to not run our camp over safety concerns, we were still able to meet up with one another in small, playground groups of 2/3 children. The children were able to visit with one another, play on the playground and still remain socially distant and safe. I think it was important for the children to be able to see one another and have a little bit of normalcy back in their lives. I think the grown-ups enjoyed the visits as well!!

A good portion of my summer has also been spent preparing for the school year. Due to our current circumstances, it has forced me to be a bit more creative and innovative with my programming for the children. It goes without saying that my

top priority is to keep my students, their families and my staff healthy and happy.

Keep an eye out this school year for some great mitzvah project opportunities. Megan Maisonet has volunteered to be my mitzvah coordinator for the Nitzan families. She has many wonderful ideas we will be implementing in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information.

As summer draws to an end, I can't help but to be excited to get the new year rolling. I am ready to welcome my students back into the building and begin educating them. The hallways of Nitzan have been way too quiet for too many months. I look forward to hearing the giggling and talking return to our school wing!!

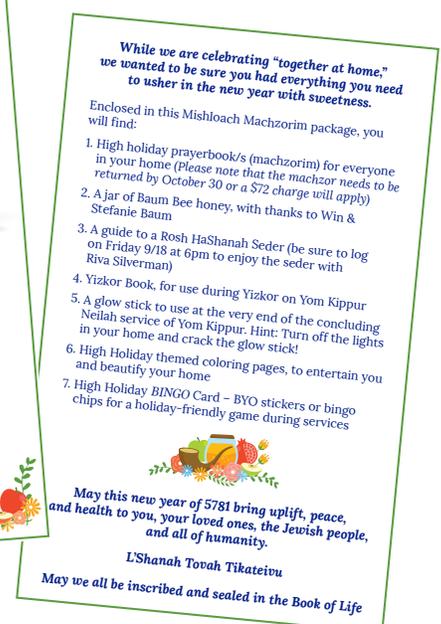
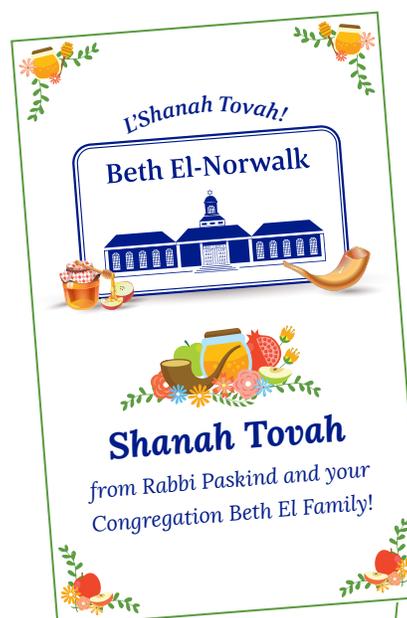
Reminder:

We will be delivering High Holiday Machzorim and Yizkor books with other goodies to each congregant on Sunday, September 13.

Let us know how many people will be with you so we are sure to have the proper number of books delivered.

Sign up via our website (or call the office: 203-838-2710) at

<https://www.congbethel.org/holidays#>



Navasky News by Danielle Mittleman, Director

A message to the community from the Jewish Educators Council of Upper Fairfield County

We are a group of Religious School directors from local synagogues who meet regularly, under the auspices of our local Federation for Jewish Philanthropy, to share best practices and challenges of Jewish education in order to support one another and enhance the level of Jewish learning for our families.

When the stay-at-home orders hit, we quickly pivoted to meeting virtually, sharing skills and ideas to help our teachers and students adjust to virtual learning. This professional community has continued to provide support and guidance as we rethink the ways in which we deliver quality education.

We know it has been difficult to navigate this new reality over the past few months and we understand the challenges of juggling jobs, school and childcare. Please know that we are taking all of these issues into consideration as we plan for the fall.

Like every school district, we have spent the summer planning for multiple scenarios—including virtual and in-person learning. Though individual Religious School plans may vary depending on number of families, size and spaces available to us, and faculty demographics, our communal goal remains the same—to keep families and teachers healthy and safe as we continue our work of teaching Jewish values and concepts.

Our doors are always open to you. Please reach out via phone or email if you would like to chat about our plans, or if you want to discuss your own family's particular needs. Together, as a community, we are poised to thrive, and know that by working together, we will move our Jewish community forward in a productive, thoughtful way.

Thank you for your partnership.

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B'nai Mitzvah



Maya Kesselman

My name is Maya Kesselman and my parents are Josh and Sharon Kesselman. I have one sister named Talia who is almost 10 years old as well as an honorary big sister Ella, the Israeli emissary we hosted this past year. I live in Wilton, CT and go to Middle Brook School. In my free time I love to dance, do gymnastics, and play the flute. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends and my sister, playing games, and listening to music.

Although my Bat Mitzvah, Saturday, August 29, was not in person, it was really special. Last year, I went to Israel with my family, and when we were in Jerusalem I got to pick out my very own beautiful tallit for my special day. Also, since my Bat Mitzvah was on Zoom, Ella and Moreh Spencer were able to attend, which wouldn't have been able to happen otherwise. Those are just two of the reasons I was super excited about my Zoom Bat Mitzvah.

For my mitzvah project, I am going to be playing flute in a benefit concert, Playing By Heart, along with Kyong Hee Cho's piano students (including my mom, who has been participating in these concerts for eight years). The Playing By Heart concerts always raise money and donate it to a charity of the participant's choice. This year, we will donate the money to a Covid-related cause. The concert will be a YouTube livestream in mid September. There will be more details to follow in the weekly emails.

To me, becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that I am a Jewish adult and that I am supposed to lead more during services. It also means that I am expected to be more active in my community. For example, doing more volunteer work.

I would like to thank my parents and the Rabbi for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah, Bracha Moshe for tutoring me, and my Navasky teachers, especially Morah Anne, Morah Debbi, and Moreh Spencer for helping me learn prayers and torah. Last but not least, I would like to thank my Hebrew school friends for helping me stay connected through this Covid pandemic!

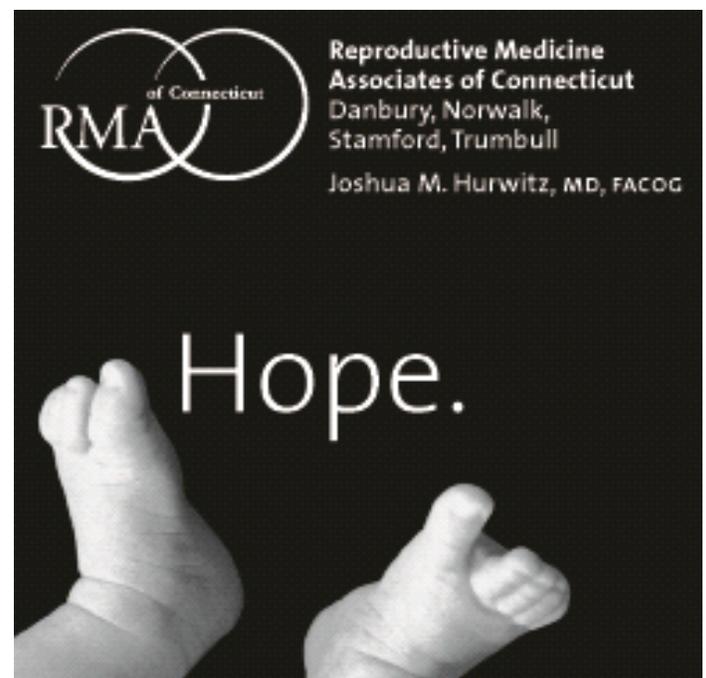


Miranda Rotstein

My name is Miranda Rotstein, and my Bat Mitzvah is on October 24th, Parashah Noach. I am twelve years old, and I am entering the eighth grade at Scofield Magnet Middle School in Stamford. I live in North Stamford with my parents, Marguerite Felsenfeld and Steven Rotstein, my older sister Risa, and my little brother Benjamin.

In school, I enjoy all my classes, but my favorites include graphic design, art, and language arts. Outside of school, I like to draw, watch YouTube videos, and listen to podcasts. I also love to attend Broadway shows.

For my mitzvah project I am raising money to support the Learning to Look program at Westover Magnet Elementary School in Stamford. When I went to Westover, I was fortunate to participate in this program that teaches art appreciation to 4th and 5th graders, culminating in a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art at the end of each school year. I loved this program and I want to make sure that it continues, despite the costs that become a bigger challenge for families at Westover every year.



Editorial Page by Rhonda & Larry Ginsberg

PEACE IN OUR TIME

President Trump's peace "deal of the century" appears to have cost the Palestinians dearly. Abba Eban once said that the: Palestinians have never lost an opportunity to lose an opportunity. The Palestinian leadership refused to become involved with the process or review and comment before the "deal" was released. Without going into minute detail, President Trump became the first American President to recognize the "Facts on the Ground" and stated that the major Jewish settlements in the disputed West Bank should be absorbed by Israel. Since that pronouncement, the Palestinians have moved into full rejectionist mode. The Palestinian Authority has declined to negotiate either directly with Israel or through the US. They have further "ceased" all security cooperation with Israel and are attempting to revive a relationship with Hamas in Gaza, and quite possibly restart authorizing terrorist operations in Israel from the West Bank. At this time none of the major points of the deal have been initiated unilaterally by Israel.

NOW THE REST OF THE STORY: When the peace deal was announced, I stated the opinion that Israel could use the terms of the deal as a negotiation technique to build close cooperation with neighboring moderate Arab and Muslim states. Iran, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Pakistan and Malaysia came right out and denounced the "deal of the century." Many of the more moderate and less religious Islamic states and Saudi Arabia have taken a "wait and see" approach. They have not, unlike the "progressive" European nations, condemned the deal out-of-hand. Why, because they may be politically wary to be lining up with the expansionist sponsors of terrorism and disarray such as Iran, and her allies, Hezbollah, Syria and Lebanon and they may also be wary of Turkey and her bespoken policy of attempting to reform a Caliphate. There is also the religious dichotomy of Sunnism (the major strain of Muslim tradition) championed by Saudi Arabia and Egypt and Shiism (the heterodox strain of Islam) championed by Iran and Hezbollah. Most of the Arab and Islamic states including Jordan have in fact implored Israel not to take unilateral action.

It is apparent that the geopolitical emphasis in the Middle East, at least at the current time, is no longer focused on the Israeli-Palestinian crises. Many of the Arab nations in the area decry the Palestinians' hard line failure to negotiate with Israel and condemned it as a "beggar" entity content to revel in its rejectionism and live on the handouts of its neighbors and/or supporters. Now, also, with Russia and China supporting militant, expansionist states in the area such as Iran, along with Hezbollah and possibly Turkey, it's

in the best interest of the more moderate, Sunni states to band together for protection purposes under the umbrella of the Western nations, basically the US. This is where Israel, as the US's most militarily and economically proficient ally in the Middle East comes to the fore.

The "enemy of my enemy is my friend" is an old Arab proverb. Iran's intent of hegemony in the area and the Gulf of Arabia brings it into major conflict with Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Nations such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Bahrain and Kuwait among others. Iran is also calling for the destruction of the State of Israel and the murder of the Jews. Therefore, Israel, the Saudis and the Gulf States have a mutual interest in their protection. It is also known that low level and surreptitious contact and aid is happening among Israel and the Gulf States and Saudi Arabia presently. It also must be noted that the Palestinians, for the most part, are supporting and being supported by the Iranians and Hezbollah to the chagrin of the more moderate Arab and Muslim states and the Saudis.

So Covid-19 starts hitting the Palestinian Authority with a vengeance. The rejectionist states do nothing to help and blame Israel. Israel attempts to aid the PA, but is, for want of a better term, rebuffed. The UAE sends two flights with ventilators, face masks, gloves and other necessary equipment to the PA via direct flight into Israel's Lod Airport. (The first UAE flights to "openly" land in Israel.) The Palestinians go ballistic and refuse the aid, which now is being stored in an Israeli warehouse. Why, you might ask? The flights were coordinated directly with Israel and not through the PA which since the "deal of the century" has broken most channels of cooperation with Israel.

This presents Israel with an opportunity for normalization with the UAE. Israel, the UAE and the US became involved in negotiating the normalization agreement that was recently announced. What is Israel's major concession to the Arab World as lip service to Palestinian aspirations? Israel agrees not to annex the Jewish settlements in the disputed West Bank. Iran, Turkey, Pakistan, the Palestinians and the other rejection front nations protested and threatened the UAE. But what about the Saudis? No condemnation and, in fact, the Saudis have agreed to allow Israel to use Saudi air space for direct flights to the UAE. Presently, Israel is in negotiations to normalize relations with Oman, Bahrain, Sudan and maybe others. The Emir of Kuwait has stated that Kuwait values its ties with Palestine and will be the last Gulf State to normalize relations with Israel. This is the first time Kuwait has said anything concerning the possibility of normalization of

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relations with Israel. So by agreeing not to annex land in the disputed territories, Israel has used the “deal of the century” as a tool in its negotiations with the UAE and possibly others for normalization of relations and diplomatic accords with other Arab and Muslim nations. The PA should probably take this opportunity to resume negotiations for peace directly with Israel.

CODA:

Since our editorial was penned, there have been two developments in the potential normalization of relations between Israel and the Sudan and with the Saudis. A Sudaese diplomat negotiating normalization has been terminated for unrelated cause. The latest news reports out of Israel still maintain that Sudan could be the next “Arab” nation to normalize ties with Israel. Though nothing has changed on the ground with the Saudis, her Foreign Minister has stated that there will not be peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia until Israel reaches a peace accord with the Palestinians based on the Arab, read Saudi, peace initiative, not the “deal of the century.” On a more positive spin, in diplomat speak normalization and peace are not one and the same.



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A Prayer of Hope During this Pandemic

by Rabbi Naomi Levy

We are frightened, God,
 Worried for our loved ones,
 Worried for our world.
 Helpless and confused,
 We turn to You
 Seeking comfort, faith and hope.

Teach us God, to turn our panic into patience,
 And our fear into acts of kindness and support.
 Our strong must watch out for our weak,
 Our young must take care of our old.
 Help each one of us to do our part to halt the
 spread of this virus.

Send strength and courage to the doctors and nurses
 In the frontlines of this battle,
 Fortify them with the full force of their healing
 powers.
 Send wisdom and insight to the scientists
 Working day and night across the world to discover
 healing treatments.
 Bless their efforts, God.
 Fill our leaders with the wisdom and the courage
 To choose wisely and act quickly.
 Help us, God, to see that we are one world,
 One people
 Who will rise above this pandemic together.

Send us health God,
 Watch over us,
 Grace us with Your love,
 Bless us with Your healing light.
 Hear us God,
 Heal us God,
 Amen.



Selihat Night Live September 12, 2020

8:30 PM Eastern through 12:00 AM Pacific

The Conservative Movement comes together to learn, sing, and connect as a community. Over 60 rabbis and cantors will present, and a variety of Selihat services will be offered throughout the evening. We will usher in the High Holiday season focusing on:

Teshuva (Repentance: If I Am Not For Myself, Who Is For Me?)

Tefilah (Prayer: And If I Am Only For Myself, What Am I?)

Tzedakah (Righteous Acts: And If Not Now, When?)

Shema Koleinu (Hear our Voice, Accept our Prayer)

The program is free and open to all.

Please visit www.cjselihat.org for the most up-to-date schedule.

Registration is now open for individuals on www.cjselihat.org/register. It will close on Thursday, September 10th.

IMPORTANT: In order to prevent any disruption or harassment on zoom, every individual that would like to participate in Selihat Night Live must register at www.cjselihat.org/register.

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This year, the Jewish Film Festival of Fairfield County will go virtual, allowing people to watch award-winning films in the comfort of their own home. It runs from Thursday, Oct. 15 – Sunday, Nov. 22, and offers one film/week over 6 weeks with Zoom Q&As featuring filmmakers, producers & expert speakers.

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Q&A via Zoom on Sunday, October 18 at 7 p.m.

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