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The Call of the Shofar

From the Rabbi

There's an old joke about a rabbi who was riding in a taxicab that drove off a bridge. No one survived. Moments later, the rabbi and the cab driver found themselves in line at the gates of heaven. They approached the podium together. "You," the angel said, pointing at the cab driver, "You come right in. But you," and here he frowned at the rabbi, "You, not so much."

"What do you mean? How come he gets in and I don't?" asked the rabbi.

"Well," said the angel, "when you spoke to your congregation week after week, many of them just dozed off, but when people got in his cab and he started driving, every one of them prayed."

The sound of the shofar is a response to the phenomenon that makes us smile at this well-worn joke. Its cry is an alarm meant to startle us out of our habits in a way that no verbal message ever could. The twelfth-century sage Maimonides writes about the message he perceives through the blast of the shofar: "Wake up, sleepers, from your slumber! Drowsy ones, shake off your torpor! Check your deeds, turn in repentance and remember your Creator! You who lose track of the truth in favor of fleeting fads, who stray all year long towards insignificant trivialities, take a good look at your souls. Choose better paths and behaviors. Leave your selfish choices and wrong thoughts behind."

(Laws of Repentance 3:4)

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This change in policy is designed to ensure everyone's health and safety.

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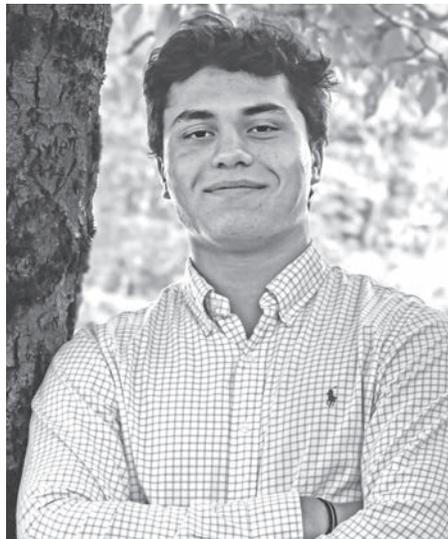


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Member Mitzvahs & Mazel Tovs



■ **Connor Hayford**, son/stepson of **Sopheap Nhim** and **Colin Ovitsky**, graduated from Pittsfield High School in June with High Honors and as recipient of the Charles Henry Derby Scholarship and Joshua Morgan Stracener Athletic Scholarship. Connor was a successful three-season athlete, team captain, and all-Berkshire team member in football and swimming, and top point scorer on the track and field team, competing in javelin, shot put and discus, and culminating with this season's longest javelin throw in the State. He will be attending the University of Connecticut in the fall as a Husky Achievement Award merit scholarship recipient, beginning his studies in the Academic Center for Exploratory Students (ACES) program while determining his major, and as a recruit on their NCAA D1 track and field team. Congratulations Connor! Go Huskies!

■ **Sarah Fleet Coleman**, daughter of **Robin Fleet** and **Phil Coleman**, will marry **Nathan Elijah Singer**, son of **Ruth** and **Sheldon Singer** of Delmar, New York on Sunday, September 19. Mazel tov!

Member Mitzvahs—birthdays and anniversaries—appear on page 18

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Your community wants to share in your good news.

Special Birthdays
Milestones
Babies Born
Awards Won

Books Published...
any and all nachas.

Send KOL K.I. editor
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about any happy news we
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From the Rabbi

The Call of the Shofar *(continued from page 1)*

Flexibility and Creativity

So much has changed for so many of us in the past eighteen months. A pandemic, illnesses, deaths, face masks, social distancing, travel restrictions, vaccination, and re-emergence. Guidelines that keep us safe continue to evolve, based on scientific research as well as local circumstances. Last year at this time we were so scared of contagion that we could barely sound the shofar at all. Indeed, Alex Kutik sounded the shofar outside, near the sanctuary, rather than inside the room, and most attendees were sitting at home, participating by livestream. This year many of us, inoculated against infection, are still figuring out how to draw close to other people again and return to vibrant lives, now against the backdrop of an emerging Delta variant. While many have developed beneficial new routines because of the pandemic, such as more frequent hand-washing, some of us have grown used to new habits that were necessary but are not serving us well right now. For that matter, things keep changing, and new circumstances may demand further flexibility and creativity. Knesset Israel's leaders, advised by medical experts who have access to the latest scientific information as well as local and regional public health data, commit to continuing to make considered decisions about how to move forward together in good health, while making space for participants' circumstances, journeys, anxieties, and hopes.

This Year's Plan

This year KI intends to offer a typical experience of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, with complete services and opportunities for the community to gather and mark these holidays. Highlights will include some new shlihei tzibbur leading different services. **Fred Landes** has recently learned Kol Nidre, and **Joe Weiner** has learned shaharit for Rosh Hashana. Both studied this spring with Cantor Sarah Levine, our former visiting cantor-educator, who now lives in Nashville. High school students **Joe Weinberg** and **Leora Cook-Dubin** will lead the Torah Service on Rosh Hashana, and **Gabe Dahari** will be sounding the shofar on the second day. Many other shlihei tzibbur—**Jeff Siegel**,



Rabbi David Weiner

Laura Rosenthal, Jeff Cook, Elisa Snowise, Mark Snowise, Marcie Greenfield Simons, Eve Edwards—are returning to uplift us. We will also have the opportunity to hear words of Torah from the congregation's new president, **Jesse Cook-Dubin**, as well as members of the social action committee who have brought about KI's new partnership with the South Church Food Pantry. On Yom Kippur, an expanded Yizkor will incorporate a public memorial for people who died during the pandemic and were denied the usual funeral and bereavement rituals. My messages, some

with interactive elements, will focus on making meaning from our memories, healing and resilience, and hope.

Children's Programming

Children's programming for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur will be held outside, in and around the ohel/tent and the Braun Garden, weather permitting. Our teachers are looking forward to using the backyard for more dynamic learning, play, and experience of the holiday. Junior Congregation, weather permitting, will take place in the ohel. As a result, parking at morning services will be less convenient than in years past. Every household should please come in at most one vehicle, and neighbors might consider carpooling.

Options for Attendance

- Anyone may attend services in person, as long as he/she is feeling physically healthy that day. If the Delta variant continues to cause national and regional spikes in cases, transmission, and illness in children, then Massachusetts Covid regulations may change. KI will continue to follow the science and adhere to State regulations. Please be prepared for additional changes in our policy as necessary.
- Alternatively, you may participate in services from home using the congregation's livestream broadcast—as always, at knesetisrael.org/livestream or on our app on the Boxcast channel, available through Roku, Kindle FireTV, or AppleTV. That feed is here to stay, offering people who are unable to come to syna-

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There is so much work to do to heal, to rebuild our lives, to reconnect with our community, to continue to heal our society through good deeds.
Every mitzvah makes a difference...

From the President

From Strength to Strength

A farewell and a welcome



Richard Simons

Over the summer an individual approached me at Kiddush, mentioning that he and his wife had not been at KI for more than 17 years. He commented on how nice it was for him to be back at the shul, but he then looked at me quizzically and asked somewhat incredulously, "You were President of the congregation then. Have you been President this whole time?"

That's what happens when you recycle Presidents every 15 years!

In all seriousness, I was not expecting to serve another term. In retrospect, however, I am grateful that I did. I love this synagogue. We are far from perfect and we have our challenges, but we are a family who cares about each other, our community, our brothers and sisters in Israel, and our fellow global citizens. It has been a privilege to serve as your President.

I have a few "thank you's" before I bid farewell. First is Rabbi Weiner. What a tremendous partner he has been. He continues to teach, inspire, and support. I am grateful for his Rabbinic leadership and his friendship.

Second is the Board of Directors. The Board has been a tremendous support for me and is the backbone of this shul. I am grateful for its leadership.

Third is Marcie. She would gently (and sometimes not so gently) remind me of tasks to be completed. She would brainstorm with me and roll up her sleeves to help me. We were and are a team.

Last is you, the congregation. You are my community. You have all been there to celebrate with me and to mourn with me. You all have my eternal gratitude.

I feel so blessed to be able to turn the reins over to Jesse Cook-Dubin, who will serve this congregation beautifully. Jesse is smart and is a natural leader. Most important, though, Jesse has "heart." His *menschlikite* is what makes him stand out. I assured him I am not going very far and will continue to support him in any way he deems necessary.

May Jesse and this entire congregation go from strength to strength.

Shana Tova.

The Call of the Shofar

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gogue in person on any particular shabbat or holiday the opportunity to feel more a part of the community. I am painfully aware that those who watch from home lose the opportunity to "be seen" by me and others in the community; please feel free to call and check in. I would appreciate the opportunity to hear how you are doing and what is going on in your life. "I haven't seen you in a while and just wanted to say hello" is a perfectly good reason to call your rabbi.

Maimonides' Pep Talk

Maimonides continues his thoughts on shofar with a pep talk about the significance of our choices: "All year long, every person should consider her/himself half deserving and half culpable and similarly think of the entire world as half deserving and half culpable. One who misses the mark even once has tipped self and world towards destruction. Yet one who does even one mitzvah has tipped self and world towards merit, bringing rescue and hope....For this reason, between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, people customarily redouble their efforts to give tzedaka, do good deeds, and engage in mitzvot."

Whether we hear it in person or over the livestream, the shofar might inspire us to reconsider our choices and habits, to return to a mindful, productive, focused, purposeful life. It is difficult to know what tomorrow may demand of us; still, opportunities for mitzvot abound each and every day. There is so much work to do to heal, to rebuild our lives, to reconnect with our community, to continue to heal our society through good deeds. Every mitzvah we choose to do makes a difference, carrying each of us and all of us towards the next best possible outcome. Let's make sure we wake up this Rosh Hashana and stay awake throughout the year.

Knesset Israel Statement of Purpose

Welcome.

We are here to nourish mind, heart, and soul.

We are here to inspire through word and deed.

We are here to accompany each other on life's journey.

We are here to celebrate in community.

We are here to bring life to the wisdom and values of Torah.

We are here to transform our world.

5782—Renew and Rebuild

Introducing the new KI president, Jesse Cook-Dubin



Jesse Cook-Dubin

Thank you for the opportunity to lead our special congregation—where I grew up and where my wife, Rebecca, and I are raising our children—and to address you for the first time as President of the synagogue.

The upcoming High Holidays are a chance to begin working through the helplessness we have felt over the past 18 months and to focus

on the ways we can lift up and renew our community. Many of us have faced extraordinary challenges this year, including isolation, illness (mental, physical, or both), and losses ranging from trivial to traumatic. On the surface, that experience seems as though we have shared it. But in most respects we have endured it alone.

But our tradition is to experience the High Holidays as a collective. This year the holidays are a call to come back together as a congregation, mourn what we have lost, and look to the future.

The needs of our community, and the opportunities to meet them, are tremendous:

- Helping to feed the hungry in Central Berkshire County—as a cross-denominational group of volunteers, including a strong contingent of KI members, have been doing through the South Church Community Food Pantry.
- Making it possible for our neighbors who are sick, aging, or isolated to stay in touch with their loved ones (including KI Cares volunteers who have been calling them) by helping them with videoconferencing technology.

Volunteering to prepare community meals, lead services, or support other events at KI to restore the connections we had to each other before the pandemic and forge new ones. We must ramp up our efforts to welcome new members to our congregation in order to maintain the services we offer.

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■ Addressing the many health issues, our own and others', that were deferred because of the pandemic. We will never be able to repay the healthcare workers in our community for the sacrifices they and their families have made over the past year and a half, but we should try, and we should pay the debt forward.

■ Enabling Rabbi Weiner and our team of professional educators to meet the changing educational needs of our children, even though the population of families is too small for tuition to cover the cost. In large part, this means sustaining the Berkshire Jewish Film Festival, which has been supporting education at KI for 35 years.

Over the High Holidays this year, you will hear about some of these and other ways we can begin to heal ourselves, each other, and our community. I look forward to joining you for these important days of reflection and renewal. Our family wishes you a year of good health, sweetness, fulfillment, and growth in your Jewish life.



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Jewish tradition teaches us that for the next ten days, the Book of Life is open.

As millions of Jews ask God to inscribe their names in that book, we recognize how much lies beyond our control, yet during these days of awe we recognize our tremendous power to make a difference in our lives and in our world. —Barack Obama

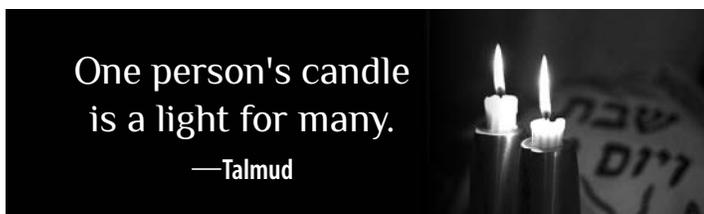
September Services



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September Service Schedule

- **TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENING DAVENING***
 ZOOM7:00 p.m.
 Zoom ID # 934-910-554
 * No Zoom davening on holidays: September 7, 16, 21, 23, 28
- **KABBALAT SHABBAT / FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES**
 No service September 3
 SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM5:45 p.m.
- **SHABBAT / SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES**
 SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM9:30 a.m.
- **SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN**
 SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM8:45 a.m.



Candle Lighting

SEPTEMBER CANDLE LIGHTING:

- Friday, September 37:05 p.m.
- Monday, September 67:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 78:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 10.....6:53 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 15.....6:44 p.m.
- Friday, September 17.....6:41 p.m.
- Monday, September 20,6:35 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 217:35 p.m.
- Friday, September 24.....6:28 p.m.
- Monday, September 276:23 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 287:23 p.m.

Children's Holiday Services



Families Together Holiday Services

Rosh Hashana—September 6-8

- **CHILDREN'S ROSH HASHANA** themed activities for children in grades K-6. Snacks provided.
10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
- **JUNIOR CONGREGATION/FAMILY SERVICES**
11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur—September 15-16

- **CHILDREN'S YOM KIPPUR** themed activities for children in grades K-6. Snacks provided.
10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
- **JUNIOR CONGREGATION/FAMILY SERVICES**
11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.



Holiday Fun

- **APPLE PICKING DAY** with a pirate theme. Meet at the orchard on Sunday, October 3 at 2 p.m. See page 13 for details.

Babysitting will be available by reservation between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on both holidays. To RSVP and for questions about babysitting and children's programming, please contact Judith Weiner at jweiner@knessetisrael.org.

September Holiday Service Schedule 2021 / 5782

Service & Candle Lighting Schedule, Including Selihot • Cemetery Memorial Service Rosh Hashana • Yom Kippur • Sukkot • and Simhat Torah



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Selihot—Saturday, August 28

Minha, study session, Maariv, Selihot7:15 p.m.

Cemetery Memorial Service—Sunday, August 29 .. 10:00 a.m.

The cemetery gate will be open 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashana—September 6-8

■ Monday, September 6—Erev Rosh Hashana

Minha & Rosh Hashana Evening Service
(Sanctuary & Livestream).....6:15 p.m.
Candle Lightingno later than 7:00 p.m.

■ Tuesday, September 7—First Day of Rosh Hashana

Shaharit (Sanctuary & Livestream) 8:30 a.m.
Torah Service & Shofar approximately 9:30 a.m.
Tashlikh (at Pomeroy Avenue Bridge)4:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting no earlier than 8:00 p.m.

■ Wednesday, September 8—Second Day of Rosh Hashana

Shaharit (Sanctuary & Livestream)..... 8:30 a.m.
Torah Service/Shofar approximately 9:30 a.m.
Havdala no earlier than 8:00 p.m.



WHERE ARE YOU? HERE I AM.

Yom Kippur—September 15-16

■ Wednesday, September 15—Erev Yom Kippur

Minha and Violin Performance:
(Sanctuary & Livestream)6:30 p.m.
Kol Nidre & Maariv (Sanctuary & Livestream)6:45 p.m.
Candle Lighting/Fast Beginsno later than 6:44 p.m.

■ Thursday, September 16—Yom Kippur

Shaharit (Sanctuary & Livestream) 9:00 a.m.
Torah Service & Yizkor after 10:30 a.m.
Minha (Sanctuary & Livestream)5:00 p.m.
Neila (Sanctuary & Livestream)6:20 p.m.
Tekiah Gedolah/Maariv /Havdala7:44 p.m.

Sukkot, September 21-26

■ Tuesday, September 21—First Day of Sukkot

Shaharit with lulav & etrog
(Sanctuary & Livestream) 9:30 a.m.
Candle Lighting no earlier than 7:35 p.m.

■ Wednesday, September 22 – Second Day of Sukkot

Shaharit with lulav & etrog
(Sanctuary & Livestream) 9:30 a.m.
Havdala no earlier than 7:35 p.m.

■ Thursday, September 23 – Third Day of Sukkot

Evening Davening (Zoom ID# 934-910-554).....7:00 p.m.

■ Friday, September 24 – Fourth Day of Sukkot

Short Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv (Chapel)5:45 p.m.

■ Saturday, September 25 –

Shabbat Hol HaMoed/ Fifth Day of Sukkot
Shaharit (Sanctuary & Livestream) 9:30 a.m.

■ Sunday, September 26 – Sixth Day of Sukkot

Shaharit with lulav & etrog
(Sanctuary & Livestream) 8:45 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret & Simhat Torah—September 27-29

■ Monday, September 27—Erev Shemini Atzeret

Candle Lightingno later than 6:23 p.m.

■ Tuesday, September 28:

Shemini Atzeret / Erev Simhat Torah
Shaharit (Sanctuary & Livestream) 9:30 a.m.
Torah Service & Yizkor approximately 10:15 a.m.
*Simhat Torah dinner5:30 p.m.
*Maariv for Simhat Torah with hakafot
(Sanctuary & Livestream)..... 6:30 p.m.
*Ice Cream Reception7:45 p.m.
**Details to follow by email*
Candle Lighting no earlier than 7:23 p.m.

■ Wednesday, September 29—Simhat Torah

Shaharit (Sanctuary & Livestream) 9:30 a.m.
Havdala no earlier than 7:23 p.m.

Unetaneh Tokef: Do We Control our Fate?

The prayer that asks us to consider our mortality is an urgent call to examine our lives—by Cantor Max Axelrod

If there's one word that is closely connected with the High Holiday season, it's teshuvah, repentance. It's a part of the vocabulary taught to even young religious school children: looking at one's behavior and then taking steps to make better decisions and live a life free of transgressions against G-d and our fellow humans.



There's one iconic prayer, recited on each of the days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, that expresses in a clear and dramatic way our need to perform teshuvah. The text of Unetaneh Tokef lays it all out for us and utilizes vivid imagery: Before G-d lies a giant book—the Book of Life—in which we hope all of our names will be inscribed for the coming year. The Unetaneh Tokef goes on to tell us that on Rosh Hashanah, those deserving names are entered—ensuring they will live through the year, and on Yom Kippur, the Book is sealed—their fates no longer alterable. We have until the very end of Yom Kippur, during the concluding Neilah service when the liturgy tells us that the gates are closing, to sway G-d's decision in our favor.

To drive home the serious consequences of our actions, Unetaneh Tokef then lists all the dire ways we can meet our fate. We read the classic words *“Who shall live and who shall die?”*—but then the rest of the paragraph is devoted to all the ways the latter outcome could take place:

Who by fire and who by water?

Who by plague and who by famine?

Who by sword and who by wild beast?

Who by hunger and who by thirst?

At last, we're given a shred of hope, the theological carrot to these long passages of stick. We read:

Uteshuvah utefilah utzedakah ma'avirin et roa hag'zeirah

But repentance, prayer, and deeds of charity can annul the severity of the decree.

This prayer is undoubtedly the climax of the High Holiday morning service. As the hazan of my synagogue, I see my entire congregation present for this prayer (although people start to trickle out of the sanctuary soon after). I chant it in some of the most ornate and dramatic musical selections of the year.

Yet, at the same time, I find this prayer to be the most disturbing, confusing, and theologically questionable of the entire mahzor. A close look at the wording seems to contradict everything we're supposed to believe and do on these High Holidays. It says that on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, our names are written and then sealed for the coming year. That is, the decision is made. It's a done deal. Therefore, it is already predetermined whether we will live or die during the next year. What good then are our acts of teshuvah? How can we annul the severity of the decree through deeds

I have come to understand this disturbing and powerful text less as a promise of childlike reward and punishment and more as a statement of the fragility of life and our own mortality.

of tzedakah (charity) if that decree is not only recorded but in fact sealed in a book? Should we leave the sanctuary at the end of Yom Kippur and simply hope for the best, realizing that nothing we do from that moment on has any effect on whether we will survive the year ahead?

We need a better way to relate to this prayer that is so central to our High Holiday liturgy. I have come to understand this disturbing and powerful text less as a promise of childlike reward and punishment and more as a statement of the fragility of life and our own mortality. I have literally been moved to tears (no small challenge while trying to sing with a full voice along with the choir) looking out at a full sanctuary, everyone's voices joined in the familiar refrain:

B'rosh hashanah yikateivun uv'yom tzom kippur yeichateimun

On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed.

At that moment, I realize that not all of us will be here next year. These people—congregants, friends, family—it is a sad but inescapable fact that some will die over the course of the coming year. Our lives are a gift. We perform teshuvah

not to appease a distant and invisible Deity, but rather to remind us of our value to one another and strengthen our relationships with each other. We give tzedakah to better the lives of those around us. And we engage in prayer to further develop the bonds of our connection to Judaism and our community.



Our job is not to temporarily put on our best behavior in order to convince G-d to let us live for another year. Instead, we acknowledge that our time here on earth is limited and our lives tenuous. The true and vital message of Unetaneh Tokef requires us to ask ourselves not who shall live, but how shall we live?

This article was found on myjewishlearning.com. Cantor Matt Axelrod has served Congregation Beth Israel of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, since 1990. He is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a national officer of the Cantors Assembly.

The Book of Life and the Book of Death are open every day, and our name is written in one or the other of them at every moment, and then erased and written again the moment after that.

We are constantly becoming, continuously redefining ourselves. This doesn't just happen on Rosh Hashanah.

—Alan Lew

5th Round of Headstone Cleaning Underway

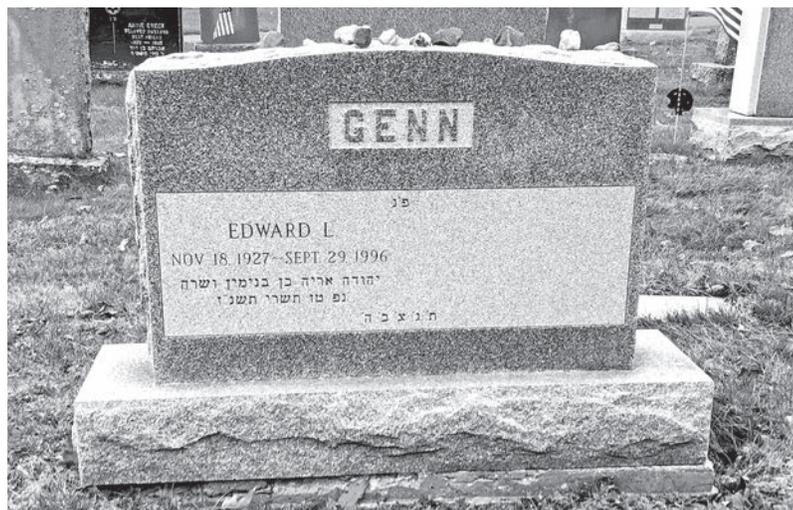
Take advantage of our volume discount

The KI Cemetery Committee has announced the 5th round of headstone cleaning. As KOL K.I. went to print, approximately 14 more headstones were needed for the "to be cleaned" list before we can schedule the cleaning at the discounted rate. More than 130 family headstones have already been cleaned in the KI Cemetery, in addition to 20 "orphan" stones, whose cleaning fee was donated.

The cost per monument is \$65. Please e-mail Diana in the KI office (office@knessetisrael.org) with the name(s) on the monuments you would like to have cleaned. For questions, please e-mail Don Sugarman (sugarman@berkshire.rr.com).



photos by Don Sugarman



An example of a headstone before and after professional cleaning.



Notices

Masks. In the beginning of August KI leadership made the following change in policy after closely monitoring the data on COVID cases in Berkshire County and the prevalence of the Delta variant. Those who come into the KI building must be masked regardless of vaccination status. There will not be a mask requirement for outdoors. Any changes will be communicated through the K.I. E-News and the KI website.

Prayers for Healing. Submit prayer requests to Diana by email at office@knessetisrael.org before 11:00 a.m. Friday mornings.

Help alleviate food insecurity. KI's Social Justice Committee has been working closely with South Congregational Church to deliver food. We have a constant, pressing need for more people who can drive every week and for people who can commit to helping out occasionally when extra hands are needed. Deliveries are on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. They take about an hour, and masks are required. For more information email Nancy Cook at splynter100@gmail.com.

The KI Shabbat Central website/padlet is no more. All communications will be through our traditional mailings, Shabbat and holiday booklets, e-news, website, KOL K.I., etc.

Submit a musing. Kol K.I. would love to publish an article by you. Send us a story, your musings on a Jewish experience or subject, thoughts about your experiences during these crazy times. Musings by adults, teens, and children will be considered.

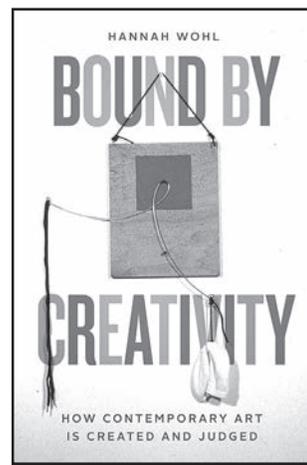
In compliance with United Synagogue standards, it is requested that you refrain from conducting synagogue business via email, text, and/or phone calls on Shabbat. Thank you.

Author Hannah Wohl

will read and sign her book at the

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September 14 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Bound by Creativity, by Hannah Wohl, daughter of Alba Passerini and Charles Wohl, reveals how artists develop conceptions of their distinctive creative visions through experimentations and social interactions with gallerists, collectors, curators, and others.

Her study of the creative process will be enlightening to anyone interested in art.

Shana Tova 

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May you have a good and sweet new year.

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Tzedaka Opportunities

These are just a few of the ways you can help others. If you know of a tzedaka opportunity you would like listed, please email the editor, Dee Griswold (deegrisswold@gmail.com).

Adopt an "Orphan" Headstone

Many of the older headstones in the KI cemetery are in need of cleaning, but have no descendants to arrange it. By donating the \$65 cleaning fee, you can have one of these monuments cleaned. Contact Don Sugarman at sugarman@berkshire.rr.com.

Be an Angel

See page 17 for KI's 2021 Thanksgiving Angels assignment.

Help South Congregational Church Feed the Hungry

Donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for the South Congregational Church Food Pantry. You may donate on line at knessetisrael.org or send a check to the KI office. Please designate the church food pantry in the memo line.

Make Food Deliveries / Pack Cartons

Members of the KI Social Justice Committee are currently distributing food cartons to families in Pittsfield. Carton packers and more volunteer drivers are needed. For more information email Nancy Cook at splynter100@gmail.com.

KI Cares

Volunteer with our KI Cares Committee, whose members phone other members of the community in need of a sincere connection. They also rally around others in our congregation who who are experiencing illness and help when they can. If interested, contact Fran Wolk at fwolk@att.net.

Drive People to Health Care Appointments

One of the great injustices in our community is widely unequal access to transportation, especially for getting to the doctor or clinic. We all now have direct action that we can take to address it. Wheels for Wellness connects volunteer drivers with neighbors who need a ride to health-related activities, including vaccination. Please call Wheels for Wellness at 413-395-0109 to learn more or to sign up.

Donate to Knesset Israel

Supporting our synagogue financially is an act of *tzedaka*. These donations are the foundation of all that KI can offer, including unforeseen expenses for security and service options. Donate to a Fund or Endowment in honor or memory of family, friends, and occasions. These donations sustain us all.

Create a Legacy Gift

Consider including a legacy gift to KI in your estate plan. If you would like to know more about how you might make such a commitment, email Arlene Schiff at arlenedschiff@icloud.com.

Emergency Contacts

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If you need emergency pastoral care for any reason, please contact Rabbi Weiner, 413-445-4872, ext. 10.

FUNERALS

Knesset Israel's funeral arrangements are handled with Flynn-Dagnoli Funeral Home. Please call 413-663-6523 or 413-442-1733. You can also email flynn.dagnoli@albany.twcbc.com.

CARE COMMITTEE

If you or another KI member you know is experiencing serious illness requiring support, please contact the Care Committee by emailing Diana at office@knessetisrael.com. We will be in touch with you.

Every act of forgiveness mends something broken in this fractured world. It is a step, however small, in the long, hard journey to redemption.

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G-d is envisaged as both judge and parent; when law and love, justice and mercy, join hands. G-d forgives, and in so doing, teaches us to forgive.

—Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

KI Hebrew School

Welcome Back to Hebrew School

Registration is open!

We are so excited to welcome you back to Hebrew School for the 2021-22 school year! The first day of classes is Saturday, September 18. We are looking forward to a year at full schedule and in person.

We are also excited to introduce new faculty members. Over the course of the year we will profile some of our faculty. We also have five Torah readers who will be reading regularly during Junior Congregation throughout the year. We look forward to the many achievements of all of our students.

For up-to-date information and registration materials, please go to padlet.com/KnessetIsrael/KIHS2021.

You can contact Judith Weiner at jweiner@knessetisrael.org for any questions or just to catch up and say hello.



Apple Picking with a Piratical Twist

A Rosh Hashana sweet mitzvah

On Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Bartlett's Orchard in Richmond, families will meet for a pirate-themed apple picking event beginning at 2:00 p.m. We will pick apples for ourselves as well as for donations to the South Congregational Church Food Pantry, and learn a little about Jewish pirates along the way.

To RSVP and for questions contact Judith Weiner, Families Together Director, at jweiner@knessetisrael.org.

One Jewish pirate who has been proved to be genuine is Jean Lafitte. Jean was born in 1780 and died around 1823. He was a French pirate and privateer who operated primarily in the Gulf of Mexico. He and other descendants of Spain's hidden Jews took to the high seas and revenged [sic] themselves upon the kingdom that tormented their ancestors.

From The Dread Jewish Pirate Jean Lafitte by Robert Rockaway. tabletmag.com/sections/history/articles/the-dread-jewish-pirate-jean-lafitte



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Spotlight On

Dara Kaufman

A force for positive change in the Berkshires—by Phil Coleman

Hi Dara! It's great to have you as my guest this month. We've known each other a long time in different settings. You were my daughter Sarah's Hebrew and Judaic studies teacher at Sinai Academy. More recently we worked together at the Berkshire Visitors Bureau when you were the Member Services director. It's a very interesting transition from that to your current role as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. Tell us about the path of your "Jewish" career.

Dara: My background is really in business and marketing. I was Advertising and Sales Manager for the Jerusalem Post and then the Jerusalem Report when we lived in Israel. When we moved back to the States in 2000, I missed the organic rhythm of Jewish life. I started teaching Hebrew and Judaic Studies part-time at Sinai Academy. I have a passion for Jewish education and I loved working with the kids. It was such an unexpected honor when I received the Grinspoon Award for Excellence in Jewish Education and the National Grinspoon-Steinhardt award for Excellence in Jewish Education.

I had received a scholarship from the Federation to go to Israel as a teenager—which, by the way, is when I met my husband, Ofer. That trip changed my life and really started me on my Jewish journey, so it was very important to me to give back, and I began to volunteer on Super Sunday. I returned to work full-time in 2004 as the Director of Member Services at the Berkshire Visitors Bureau. In 2007 I was appointed to the Federation Board, where I continued to support their fundraising, outreach, and marketing efforts. I also taught K-1 Saturday morning Hebrew school at Kl. I really enjoyed teaching and continued until I became the Federation's Executive Director.

When Arlene Schiff left the Federation, I saw an opportunity to merge my personal passion and commitment to the Jewish community with my professional business, marketing, and development expertise.



You and the Federation have accomplished a great deal in recent years. What are some of the highlights, professionally or in programming, of which you are most proud?

Dara: One of the highlights is establishing our partnership with the Afula Gilboa region of Israel through the Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership2gether program. This partnership has helped create authentic and meaningful people-to-people connections that elevate our experience of Israel beyond the images we see on TV. Through the partnership we've had dozens of people travel to Israel and hosted Israelis of all faiths to help our community, Jewish and non-Jewish, experience the complexity of Israel through the personal lens of the people who live there.

Another highlight would be successfully embracing our seasonal residents and having them embrace Jewish life in the Berkshires. Our job is help the part-time residents learn what it takes to create Jewish life year-round in a small rural community. Seasonal residents want to help, and they do help a lot. They volunteer, support us financially, present programs, and share Jewish leadership skills honed in larger communities. Our part-time residents help elevate our entire community.

I am also very proud of Federation's leadership in spearheading the collaboration of the Federation, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Berkshire County Roundtable to bring the ADL's "World of Difference" anti-bias peer training program to schools across Berkshire County. It is absolutely critical that we give young people the tools to think more broadly and inclusively about differences, and help them find the courage to stand up and speak out against bias and hatred.

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Putting the shoe on the other foot, what are some of your unmet goals or ideas for Federation in the years ahead?

DK: Just before Covid hit, Federation had initiated a strategic planning process and solicited community input through a series of town hall meetings, focus groups, and individual interviews, as well as an online survey. That initiative was put on hold in order to direct our resources to more immediate needs of the community. But a key finding was centered around expanding our outreach and engagement. We understand that "unaffiliated" does not mean "uninterested." We need to create opportunities for all who are interested to engage and participate in Jewish community, or even curate their own sense of Jewish community, but not necessarily in the traditional institutional setting.

Covid has impacted everyone. How has it realigned your delivery of services, daily management, and interaction with the JFB community, staff, and board?

Dara: Covid was such a sudden and unexpected challenge, but the core of Federation's work never really changed. If anything, it simply intensified and expanded. We were swift in pivoting, and focused on the needs of the most vulnerable first. By increasing social services, expanding kosher meal deliveries, creating a volunteer support corps, and offering virtual and outdoor programming for all ages to connect and learn, Federation continued to provide the leadership and safety net our community needed in this time of crisis.

Federation also stepped up its emergency grants for food, rent, utilities, and burial support for individuals in our Jewish community. Additional grants were provided to Berkshire food pantries and other organizations to support the critical needs of our friends and neighbors.

As we begin to emerge, we are once again focusing on what people need most. Kids need to experience the freedom and social support of camp this year, so we redoubled our efforts to make that happen. Our most elderly community members need social opportunities and connection after a year plus in isolation, so we are bringing our kosher lunch and programming back in person under the tent we are sharing with KI. Our entire community needs to come together, connect, and feel normal again.

Your involvement at KI has always been steadfast. What are some of the things you like best about KI?

Dara: Having grown up at KI, I have fond memories of the people and events which shaped this congregation. I enjoy the Shirei Shabbats. I am so impressed by the quality of the lay service leaders. I also like that people show up for one another. I saw that very clearly when Ofer had his knee operation, and again when he and I got Covid this past winter. I also really like the new sanctuary.

A few years ago, you were appointed as one of twelve members of Governor Baker's Massachusetts Task Force on Hate Crimes. This is an awesome honor! Tell us about it—what do you do there, and what's been accomplished so far?

Dara: I was so honored to be invited to serve on this important task force. Thus far, our work has focused on law enforcement and education.

In 2018 Governor Baker made key recommendations for law enforcement. These included: designating a civil rights officer to act as point person for hate crimes in each of the 351 Massachusetts police agencies, creating a website for end-users to cross-reference hate crime data across jurisdictions and periods, and creating specialized training for all designated civil rights officers.

In 2019, additional recommendations were made regarding actions to create a more inclusive and respectful school environment and give educators and administrators the tools to recognize and address bias-based conduct and hate crimes when they do arise. There are seven recommendations, one of which is a much-needed comprehensive resource guide and website for schools.

More information on the task force's recommendations can be found at:

mass.gov/lists/governors-task-force-on-hate-crimes-recommendations

Dara, this was a terrific interview. Our readers have learned not only about you, but also a lot about our amazing Federation. Indeed, it's in very capable hands. Thank you.



A Note about Music at Knesset Israel

Mark your calendars for these upcoming popular events—by Phil Coleman

I hope this finds all of you well and enjoying the summer. Every day life is getting more and more back to normal, for which we are all very grateful. Needless to say, KI is back, too! And what is KI if not the “Music Synagogue of the Berkshires”? As pandemic restrictions have receded, our Music Committee has been very active in making plans for the year ahead.

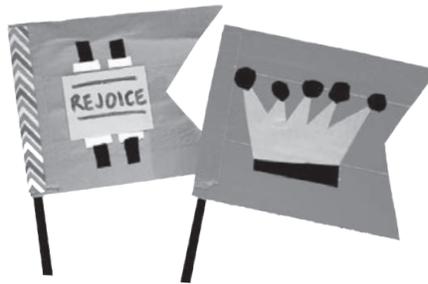


Live Music and Live Audiences—Shirei Shabbat, Open Mic, Vocalists, Guitar, and more

First and foremost, we have been very eager to bring live music with live audiences back into our worship services and social events. Over the spring and summer, we’ve celebrated several successful Shirei Shabbat services, Kabbalat Shabbat services, as well as a very entertaining Open Mic program known as “The Event in the Tent.” Our commitment to Shirei Shabbat is ongoing. We’re adding new melodies and keeping it really fresh. Believe it or not, the KI Band has been doing these services for 13 years now. If you’ve never attended, a real treat is in store with live music and beautiful vocals provided by our very talented musicians. We will be adding dinners back in as well, including brisket and latkes for **Hanukah on December 3**. We have eight Shirei Shabbats lined up between October and June.

Speaking of musical services, did you know we have a variety of musical Shabbat offerings? Every month on different Fridays, KI presents a Kabbalat Shabbat service led by vocalists Laura Rosenthal

and Jane Rosen, and on other Fridays a guitar-led service is conducted by Jesse Cook-Dubin. These are wonderful services and feature some very dedicated KI members. Please join us soon.



A Full Band on Simchat Torah Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Second, we are pleased to announce that live music is also on tap for Tuesday, September 28. Yes, it’s Simchat Torah and we have a full band lined up to accompany all the Hakafot as the Torahs are paraded. Bring on the klezmer! What a great way to come back into the synagogue and celebrate a really fun night. Rabbi Weiner promises a really scrumptious dinner too, so please make your reservations soon.



The Purim Party is Back. Saturday, March 19, 2022

Last, but certainly not least, Purim is back! The KI Band is chomping at the bit to bring you this awesome evening that is a “must attend” for a large number of our members. Excellent musicianship, clever lyrics, fun costumes, wine, beer, and snacks. One of the highlights of the year at KI, the concert will be live in the



social hall and you will not be disappointed. Circle Saturday, March 19, 2022 on your calendar.

I can’t finish without saying thanks to all of our members for your patience and support during Covid. It meant a lot to us. The Livestream has been a big hit and we’re going to keep it going, but it’s safe to come in (with masks) now and we hope to see you at KI this year.

Shana Tova and holiday blessings to all of you.

■ *Check the schedule at knesstisrael.org regularly for all these services. Services and events are listed monthly in KOL K.I. and in our weekly K.I. E-News.*

There is an inner connection between music and the spirit...

So, when we pray, we do not read; we sing. When we engage with sacred texts, we do not recite; we chant. Every text and every time has, in Judaism, its own specific melody.

— Rabbi Jonathan Sacks,
Music, Language of the Soul

KI Updates

Be An Angel

KI's commitment to this year's Thanksgiving Angels



Once again KI is participating in the Thanksgiving Angels Program, a local interfaith initiative. This year the Angels are preparing to serve up to 2500 families. KI's role is to provide funding for the Angels to purchase 1250 boxes of stuffing mix.

In order to secure a discounted price, we must pay Harry's by October 1. Please send in your generous donations so that we can pay for this essential and always favorite part of an authentic Thanksgiving feast. Make your checks out to Knesset Israel with a notation "Thanksgiving Angels" on the bottom.

Questions? Contact: Diane Weinstein at disweinstein@gmail.com.

Watch for other opportunities to be an Angel.

Our Garden Grows

A work in progress progresses—by Ev Bastow

Kudos to Nancy Cook, who continues to tend our Bobby Braun Memorial Garden, and to all who have contributed to its restoration.

Thanks to a recent very generous donation, we are ready to move toward completing our wish list, which includes power, water, a handrail for the stairs, and a universal access path. We are very grateful to the donor.

No thanks to the weather, since installation had to be put on hold, however we are hopeful that by the time you read this, everything on the list will be complete.

Meanwhile, the Rosh Chodesh group enjoyed their June meeting in the garden. Members came out in large numbers to savor the summer weather. A Berkshire Jewish Film Festival committee end-of-season celebration will take place in the Braun Memorial Garden in late August.

Stay tuned. More is in store. In the meantime, enjoy some photos of KI's garden and plantings on the mailer side of this issue.

Thank You, Rose Tannenbaum

Knesset Israel and The Berkshire Jewish Film Festival (BJFF) committee are deeply saddened by **Rose Tannenbaum's** passing. Rose worked for more than 20 years assisting the congregation with her expertise in graphic design.

In addition to lending her knowledge and skill for our Yizkor booklets and other needs, she worked with the BJFF committee to design the brochure for the annual film festival, patiently guiding us through organizing the ads, helping advertisers, and ensuring that every detail was in order.

She had a gentle, easygoing nature, and we will miss her. Along with the congregation, we extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

May her memory be for a blessing,

The Berkshire Jewish Film Festival Committee

Forgiveness is the key to
action and freedom.

—Hannah Arendt



A photograph of a rectangular stone plaque with the words "BOBBY BRAUN" on the top line and "MEMORIAL GARDEN" on the bottom line, both in capital letters. The stone has a textured, slightly weathered appearance.

Help restore the garden!
Please consider making a donation to
the Braun Memorial Garden Fund.

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yom huledet sameach

- Linda Edelstein.....September 2
- Laura RosenthalSeptember 3
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- Elaine EpsteinSeptember 6
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- Maya KaufmanSeptember 8
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- Jennifer SaconSeptember 12
- Linda Ackerman.....September 14
- Jeffrey KatzSeptember 14
- Steven Katz.....September 14
- Allison LammSeptember 15
- Jay BikofskySeptember 16
- Lynda GallerSeptember 16
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- Susan Zuckerman.....September 18
- Noah YurfestSeptember 19
- Sonia Lebowitz.....September 20
- Harriet ShairSeptember 20
- Cecily LevineSeptember 21
- Andrew SnyderSeptember 27
- Richard SimonsSeptember 28
- Hanna YurfestSeptember 28
- Nancy Lipton.....September 29
- Lisa GreenSeptember 29
- Scott Samuel Widitor .September 29
- Shiffra PerlmutterSeptember 30

Anniversaries

yom nisuyim sameach

- Bruce and Karen Jacobs.....September 1
- Matthew and Lesley Campbell HerzbergSeptember 2
- Robert and Gayle Raser.....September 9
- Scott Hochfelder and Jennifer Sacon.....September 13
- Mark and Judy Usow.....September 21
- Alec and Anna YantovskySeptember 29



Hineni

a poem by Myrna Hammerling

When commanded to sacrifice his son, Abraham said: Hineni.

When his name sounded twice from burning brambles, Moses said: Hineni.

For the first, the test was passed just in time; Isaac survived: silent, wounded within.

For the second, the test meant 40 years of trek and strain, trials and triumphs.

The land of promise in plain view; its soil never underfoot.

Could I ever willingly raise sharpened blade to precious child or be drawn fearless toward unconsuming flame?

There is no sacred scroll to record my tests. Or yours.

Of an age when many ears hear less, I hear more calls.

I may fear. I may delay.

I consider and weigh.

I step into the void.

I am uplifted by love—for others, and theirs for me.

My path may be bumpy, curved or steep.

I persist. Deep breath. I arrive. Hineni.

Blessed, I listen for the next call. And you?

Go with empty hands to those you have hurt and make amends. It is not too late. It is early and about to grow. Now is the time to do what you know you must and have feared to begin. —Marge Piercy

Music Under the Ohel

KI's open mic night

The KI "open mic" event on July 25 was a great success! Steven Skoblow and band, Noah Cook-Dubin, and Jon Denmark all performed original compositions with panache. Sherri Buxton sang cabaret/Great American Songbook numbers with flair. Ann Krawet gave us beautiful renditions of show tunes and a Jewish song. Barry Carman showcased his extraordinary keyboard talent. Robbie Zucker did a great job with a Beatles tune and a couple of classic rock covers. Jane Rosen sang American standard jazz tunes in her exquisite, clear soprano. At the end everyone jammed on a couple of classic rock numbers.



Phil Coleman



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In memory of
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Jeff Cook's 80th Birthday
Phyllis and Ira Lieberman

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on her college graduation
Sheila Donath

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In memory of
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Myra Forman
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In memory of
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In appreciation of Including
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Leslie Fishbein and
Thomas Sebestyen
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Richard and Marcie
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Ruthie Frommer
and Ken Amron
Stuart and Ellen Masters
Susan Staskin

In honor of the marriage of
Ilya and Kelsey Yantovsky
Natalya and
Sergey Yantovsky

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Anonymous

In memory of Harry Levine

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Get well wishes to

Brenda Landes

Diana Geller

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Jeff Cook's special birthday

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In memory of Joshua Weinstein

In honor of Rabbi David Weiner

Maxine Bookless

In appreciation of

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Meryl & Richard Cooper

In memory of Joshua Weinstein

Singing the praises of unsung

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Nancy Cook

In honor of Stu and Ellen

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Get well wishes for Refuah

Shlema to Linda Weiner.

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In memory of

Myrna Hammerling

Rosalie Buckley

In appreciation of Rabbi Weiner

and all I learned during his class

Ruth Rosenthal

In memory of Heinz Ronberg

Rabbi Yaacov and Nina Rone

JOSEPH AND PAULINE SIEGEL ENDOWMENT

In memory of Irving Siegel

In honor of Robert Siegel's 90th birthday!

Sharon, Joel and Eric Karlin

SHARON AND IRA SIEGEL ENDOWMENT

In memory of Ira Siegel

Sharon Siegel

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In memory of Joyce Stein Turow

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*Ner
Adonai
Nishmat
Adam*

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G-d's light is
the soul of
every person.

24 ELUL-SEPT. 1

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Boris London

Benjamin Perlman

Rachel Shindler

Vivian Rosenberg

Morris Meirowitz

Ben Ortenberg

5 ELUL-SEPT. 2

Mera Berman

Elyse Newson

26 ELUL-SEPT. 3

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Schechter

Dr. Elihu Isadore Klein

Shirley Kravitz

Edward Skoletsky

Abraham Cutler

27 ELUL - SEPT. 4

Gertrude Moskowitz

Fainya Levina

Leslie Newson

Morris Schiller

Edward Handelman

Ronald Albert

28 ELUL - SEPT. 5

Charles Louis Klein

Abraham Pincus

Myron Woller

Edith Zuckerman Evans

29 ELUL - SEPT. 6

Esther Rose Savitt
Samuels

Samuel Glaberson

Joseph Gruberg

Sylvia Gluck

Lillian Bernstein

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Unremembered Jews

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Joseph Klein

Mac Sturm

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G-d takes nothing from the
world until He puts something
else in its place.

—from *Midrash HaGadol*, compiled in the 14th century

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7 TISHREI - SEPT. 13

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Minnie Haimson

8 TISHREI - SEPT. 14

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Cecille Radsken
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9 TISHREI - SEPT. 15

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Anne Lipton
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Israel Bloom
Lena Schreck
Shimon Davidoff
Rose Spiegel
Max Levine

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Bonnie Prives
Sarah Linker
Rosalie Ginsberg
Ron Mandler
Nathan Budnick
Max Nissenbaum
Solomon Fox
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Murray H. Ike
Norma Spungen
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12 TISHREI - SEPT. 18

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Asher Prives
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When All That's Left Is Love— Rabbi Maller

When I die / If you need to weep / Cry for someone /
Walking the street beside you. / You can love me most by letting /
Hands touch hands, and / Souls touch souls. / You can love me most by
/ Sharing your Simchas (goodness) and / Multiplying your Mitzvot (acts
of kindness). / You can love me most by / Letting me live in your eyes /
And not on your mind. / And when you say Kaddish for me / Remember
what our Torah teaches / Love doesn't die / People do. / So when all
that's left of me is love / Give me away.

13 TISHREI - SEPT. 19

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Julia Levine Goldstein

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17 TISHREI - SEPT. 23

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Stanley Morganstein
Ruth Rosenberg

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Vera Stoskin Gangel

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Celia Fishman
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Rose Weissman

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Lillian Goetz
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