



Temple House of Israel Bulletin

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Our mission is to perpetuate Jewish life and identity through a welcoming community of spirituality, learning, service, joy and worship.

September 2009, Elul >Tishrei 5770

From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

As we prepare for the High Holy Days – even though it’s hot and humid as I write this and the cicadas are drowning out any possible peace and quiet – I encourage you to take time during the month leading up to Rosh Hashonah to reflect on the past year and reach out to those around you. Our friendships, both inside our congregational family and in our community at large, are what support us and provide strength, a safety net for our sanity. Have a conversation with those who are important to you so that you maintain that connection and take a moment to provide strength to those who may be outside of your immediate circle but who are in need as well.

A letter welcoming the New Year will be sent to all **members** within the next week and will include a ticket giving you and your family entrance to all of the High Holy Day events beginning with Selichot on September 12th and ending with the community break-the-fast following the last service of Yom Kippur on September 28th. Please bring this **ticket** with you to each of the services.

If you are not a member, we welcome you to join us for services and encourage you to make a **contribution** to our tiny Jewish community and become involved. We may be small but we’re vibrant! Wishing you a year of health, happiness and peace.

L'shanah tovah, Beth

High Holidays

On the evening of Friday, September 18th we come to Erev Rosh HaShanah (evening of Rosh HaShanah). Our service will begin at 8 pm. Rosh HaShanah continues on Saturday, September 19th, with the service at 10 am, and for those who celebrate two days, on Sunday, September 20th.

We will observe Tashlikh on the 19th at 1 pm. For those at Beth El, Tashlikh will be at Purcell Park on the bridge; while those at THOI will gather at Gypsy Hill Park at the duck pond.

Sunday, September 27th in the evening and Monday, September 28th are the 10th day of the month of Tishrei, also known as Yom Kippur (the day of atonement). Our services will be on the 27th at 8 pm at Beth El and 7 pm at THOI, and will continue on the 28th at 10 am at both locations, then continue after a break at 4 pm,

Looking a few days ahead, Sukkot begins the evening of the 2nd of October and runs through October 10th, immediately followed on the 11th by Simchat Torah. More on that in next month’s article.

No Shofar

This year Rosh Hashanah is on Shabbat (Saturday) it is customary neither to recite the Avinu Malkeynu prayer (asking G-d to do certain things for us), nor to blow the Shofar. If you would like to hear the Shofar blown this year, please know that you are invited, and plan to

come on Sunday during the Religious school assembly service, at 11:30-12:30, when we will have a school wide assembly and abbreviated observance of Rosh Hashanah, including the sounding of the Shofar.

Services at Temple House of Israel

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| Havdalah & Selichot | Saturday, September 12 th , 8 pm |
| Erev Rosh Hashanah (Ma'ariv) | Friday, September 18 th , 8 pm |
| Rosh Hashanah (Shacharit) | Saturday, September 19 th , 10 am |
| Tashlikh @ Gypsy Hill Park pond | Saturday, September 19 th , 1 pm |
| Yizkor-Cemetery Memorial Service | Sunday, September 27 th , 1:30 pm |
| Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei) | Sunday, September 27 th , 7 pm |
| Yom Kippur Morning (Shacharit) | Monday, September 28 th , 10 am |
| Yom Kippur Afternoon (Minchah) | Monday, September 28 th , 4:00 pm |
| Yizkor Service | Monday, September 28 th 5:15 pm (approx) |
| Yom Kippur Concluding Service (Neilah) | Monday, September 28 th 6:00 pm |
| Communal Pot Luck Break-the-Fast | Monday, September 28 th , 7:30 pm |

Tickets for Services

Tickets are required for all adults attending High Holiday services. These tickets are complimentary for members. Children up to age 18 do not need tickets. Members' children between the ages of 18 and 24 living at home or returning home from college for the holidays are also eligible for complimentary tickets.

Guest/ non member tickets may be purchased by members for out of town guests or by non-members for themselves. A donation of \$100 for both holidays or \$60 for one holiday is suggested. Tickets are available by contacting Beth at president@thoi.org or 885-1481 and will also be available at the door from our ushers.

Members in good standing at other Union for Reform Judaism member synagogues are welcome at our High Holiday services at no additional charge through a reciprocity system between congregations. Please contact your own congregation to ask that a letter from that congregation requesting reciprocity be sent or emailed to the attention of Ritual committee.

Yizkor

Yizkor envelopes are available and allow you to write in the names of loved ones to be announced during the Memorial Service. You may insert a donation in the envelope with a suggested minimum of \$18 to have names announced. You may also request that the name of your loved ones be added to the Book of Life and read at the closest Shabbat service to the Yahrzeit each year. The suggested donation for this is \$54. These are both traditional ways to appreciate, and remember and loved ones. Please complete and return the yizkor form early to be sure your loved one's names are included.

Calendar**ELUL → TISHREI (SEPTEMBER)**

Elul runs from August 21st to September 18th, and the 18th and 19th of September are Rosh Chodesh for the month of Tishrei. Tishrei will run from the 19th of September through October 18th, with the 18th and 19th of October being Rosh Chodesh for Cheshvan. Of course, the 1st of Tishrei is also Rosh Hashanah, the start of the new year, and the 10th of Tishrei is Yom Kippur, the day of atonement.

This is a month with a surplus of holidays and observances. ☺

We begin the annual cycle on Saturday evening, September 12th, when we will hold a Selichot service at 8 pm at THOI for both congregations.

Traditionally during this period, as part of the Cheshbon Nefesh (accounting of the soul), special selichot (penitential) prayers are recited starting with the month of Elul, until Yom Kippur, except on Shabbat and Holidays, for a total of forty days. This is to give us a ‘wakeup call’ and an opportunity to work on those aspects of ourselves we wish to improve. A less stringent tradition is to recite selichot prayers on ten days during the time from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, not including Shabbat or the holidays themselves. Some people have recently developed the custom of holding a single public selichot service following the Shabbat just prior to Rosh Hashanah, often after midnight. This is the custom we have followed in the recent past (except for the time).

The special power of these selichot prayers is in their recitation during this period, serving as a motivation and focus for self-examination and engagement in the process of Teshuvah (repentance, return, and turning). When entered into with the correct kavannah (intention and direction), this Cheshbon Nefesh can be a powerful and transformative experience. It is difficult and uncomfortable to engage in this kind of scrutiny of oneself, but the results are almost always worthwhile.

There is really little choice about it: avoidance of this process doesn’t simply leave us where we have been: it creates a movement away from the direction we should be taking, which is towards G-d and godliness. There are so many faults and flaws to avoid, and we are each likely to have engaged in many of them in the course of a year. All of us have room to improve, to grow, to increase in godliness and kedushah (holiness), to be better people and more like the person we want to become and were meant to be, closer to G-d. Some of these errors are acts we commit. For example, one of the most pervasive, but most damaging is lashon hara (gossip, evil speech), said to injure three people (the speaker, the listener(s), and the one(s) spoken about). I know personally that these acts are present in our community. Lashon Hara is understood to also include dismissing or belittling another person, or denigrating their ideas or efforts, and discouraging and disheartening them from trying, giving reasons such as ‘I tried that, it won’t work here’. Another example of an act we commit is Sinat Chinam (baseless hatred), whether personally directed, or in the form of bigotry against a group. It is said to have been the reason for the decree concerning the destruction of the Temple. And another type of act we see: egotism and self-importance, said to be the base causes for murder and the wanton destruction of others when taken to the extremes. When we act on these motivations, we injure others, offend G-d, and damage our own soul. Some errors are passive: refusing or failing to act when we should. A few examples of these kinds of things are failure to assist another person in their time of need, or choosing to hide or withhold information that would allow others to succeed. Sometimes, we act or withhold intentionally, other times inadvertently. In either case, we still injure other people, and we diminish our own soul in that process. Reviewing all the events of the past year and the times we may have missed the mark and acted in such a way, or failed to act when we should have, is painful and difficult, but the pathway to growth must traverse the thorny and difficult trail of self-knowledge.

From The Rabbi's Desk

My dear fellow Valley Jews and Friends,

Shalom. I hope you have had a good summer season. Summer has almost run its course as I write this - the time has flown far too fast. At the same time, I am looking forward to getting back to work with all of you.

The Rabbi's Message

During this slower summer time I have had a chance to step back and reflect a bit on several fronts.

I have once again been reminded of the good things about our congregation and community, how special and how supportive and important it can be in the lives of so many. It reinforces some of the convictions I have held about what we are and what we mean to each other. As a result, I am more convinced than ever that the vision I have held for our community - to become a vibrant Jewish center which expresses and practices Jewish values; is recognized throughout the region; serves our members, the Jewish community as a whole, and the larger community; and acts as extended family for all of us - is both right and achievable, with your help and support. I am moved to increase my efforts, and I invite you to join me to bring that vision closer.

In the past year I have been deeply gratified to see that our community has risen to the challenges that we have encountered. The leadership of the congregation has tried to steer a course that was financially and fiscally prudent, took into account the requirements of the physical plant, and also supported our members and the larger community. Our members have expressed their Jewish values through Tzedakah (righteous behavior), Gemilut Chasidim (deeds of loving kindness), and Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) in a variety of ways, to support the needy through the volunteering, donations to several food banks and shelters and to worthy groups and causes, and through participation in different community efforts. I see all of that continuing as we enter the new year, and I anticipate that we will increase our efforts.

Given all that has been done, I feel motivated to make even greater progress towards the goals and the vision. Working together with many of you, focusing our attention and energies, I know we can achieve wonderful things..

May our efforts this year help to bring good news and support better times for all.

Refuah Shelemah

Not everyone had a quiet and peaceful spring and summer, or year. There were a number of events in our community that were of a turbulent and even painful nature. (Based on what I know - there may be others as well, in which case I have not included them, and apologize for any unintentional oversights.)

Natasha Benenson, the Bodens, the Brands, Janet Brody, the Browns, Gail Brusoe, the Chodrows, the Conners, Pauline Drucker, Leah Farmer, Vera Flint, the Grove-Humphries, Steve Guberman, Gary Harvey, Jim Osborne, Paul Klein, Lynne Landsberg, Dianne Mason, Betty Menaker, Rachel Peretz Comes, Marsha Pillet, Joe Kristoff, the Schorsches, Margie Schwartz, Lisa Solod Warren, the Watermans, Ellen Wether, Nancy Witt, and the Youngs each, or in their extended families, have experienced a difficult event in the recent past. Laurie Berman, Linda Blazer, Jim Osborne, the Bodens, the Browns, Pauline Drucker, Vera Flint, Dianne Mason, Rachel Peretz Comes, Marsha Pillet, and the Watermans all had a recent loss in their families.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of them. May our community members who have been troubled or who have suffered loss find comfort, healing, and wholeness, and may the coming months and years be a time full of joy for them, and for all of us.

Participating

If you feel a conversation with the rabbi on any topic would be of benefit to you, please make an appointment. You can call or email Rabbi Joe as shown in this newsletter.

Please know that we always seek congregant and guest participation in services throughout the year. If you are interested in leading a lay service, or in taking a role in a service, please be in touch with Rabbi Joe, Beth Young, or Don Chodrow. Roles include: reading Torah (English or Hebrew), reading Haftarah (English or Hebrew), delivering a Devar Torah, serving as Gabbai (the “MC” for the Torah service), reading an English reading, or having an honor. The honors we usually confer in our services include being called up for an Aliyah (saying the blessings for the Torah or the Haftarah reading; there are some restrictions on who may have this honor), serving as Hagbah (lift, hold, and carry the Torah), Gelilah (undressing and dressing the Torah), Petichah Usegurah (opening and closing the Ark), and candle lighting with the blessings. The roles in services are being assigned ahead of the date of the service, so you may be hearing from someone about being assigned. Please remember that they are honors, and that we are counting on you to be there when you are assigned to help us make our services special.

And if you are interested in singing for our services, please be in touch with Sarah Grove-Humphries, who is coordinating music, or Rabbi Joe.

If you are interested in studying for and celebrating an adult B’nai Mitzvah, or in learning to leyn (read/chant) Torah and/or Haftarah, or to lead services, or serve as a gabbai, please be in touch with the rabbi.

If you are interested in or wish to consider conversion, or you just want to learn more about Judaism (whether you are Jewish or not), please be in touch with the rabbi. The Introduction to Judaism (ITJ) course is not currently scheduled for this year, but may be offered if there is sufficient interest.

Rosh HaShanah & Yom Kippur

Rosh HaShanah (the head of the year, or new year) is the start of the Jewish calendar year for many purposes. It begins the Yamim Nora'im (days of awe), the ten days starting with Rosh HaShanah, running through the end of Yom Kippur (the day of atonement). This period is one of focus on teshuvah (return and repentance). It follows the 30 days of the month of Elul during which we are directed to conduct a cheshbon hanefesh (accounting of the soul), a self-examination and introspection that leads us to identify our faults and transgressions, and to work to repair them, to seek forgiveness, and to repent and not to repeat them.

Because Rosh HaShanah is considered the anniversary of Creation, we see G-d as the supreme Creator, the sovereign over all, and therefore also the supreme judge. We are encouraged to think of this period as the time when G-d judges us (leading to the image of the book of life). That is the reason it is so often felt as a time of seriousness, of sober reflection, and sincere repentance – leading to the term, Yamim Nora'im. At the same time, it is a time of joy, because we are celebrating G-d's creation, though this is often felt to be muted by the more somber thoughts dealing with judgment.

The Yamim Nora'im (days of awe) are seen as a time given us to finish the work of doing Teshuvah and making amends with others in advance of Yom Kippur, a period when we are given an opportunity to amend our ways, seek forgiveness, and prepare ourselves to be ready and fit to turn and return to G-d, and to acting in a godly way. The Yamim Nora'im are seen as a time we can 'plead our case' and support our plea by teshuvah (repentance), giving tzedakah (righteous action – often gifts to those in need), and doing gemilut Chasidim (deeds of lovingkindness/piety).

Yom Kippur is a time of solemnity, and also of joy. We know we are being judged, but

we are secure in the merciful and compassionate nature of G-d. If we sincerely and truly seek to be a better person, G-d will view us in that light.

This holiday is a call and a spur to attend to our inner selves – that is why we fast and avoid physical pleasures and comforts. In those final moments of Yom Kippur, we understand at a deep level the metaphor that our chance to make amends is now drawing to a close, the gates of prayer are closing, the time of judgement is ending, our last opportunity to seek a merciful judgement is drawing to a close, and we are approaching the moment of the sealing of the book of life for the coming year with the decree of judgement contained for us therein. It is truly a serious time of awe for anyone who has genuinely examined their deeds and past failings and of hope for those who have done the hard work of Teshuvah.

Congregational Trip to Israel

As we start this new year, I want to announce plans for another trip to Israel to take place in later February or March of 2011. This should give everyone time to put it on their calendars, and to save up for this fantastic opportunity. If you think this sounds interesting, please speak to me, or to any of those congregants who went on the last trip. It will be a somewhat different itinerary, but just as educational, enjoyable, and meaningful as the last time! I will be mentioning this periodically, look for more information to be forthcoming.

Closing

As we approach the High Holy Days, the Yamim Nora'im (days of awe), I ask forgiveness for any injuries I may have done to anyone, and I freely offer forgiveness to those who have caused me injuries.

May this year be for all of us a year of blessing, a year of love, a year of health, a year of prosperity, a year of healing, and a year of success. May you and your loved ones know peace, prosperity, and joy in the coming year, and receive even more and better than you deserve. Ken Yehi Ratzon (so may it be G-d's will).

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and hearing about all the exciting and fun things you did over the summer.

Rabbi Joe Blair

Religious School

Another exciting year of religious school is about to begin! If you have a school-aged child interested in attending religious school, contact Dara Hall at 540-433-5596 or halldm@jmu.edu.

- Religious School 2009-10 **registration** and family meeting will be on August 30th at 10:00am at Beth El Synagogue.
- Please join us for a “**Family High Holy Days Service**” (preschoolers – 3rd grade) at 11:30 on Sunday, September 27th @ Beth El.
- There is **no Religious School** scheduled on September 6th due to the Labor Day weekend. The teachers will meet on August 26th or 27th to plan for the year.
- The first **Family Shabbat** will take place on September 4th at Beth El at 6 pm. This is a more family-friendly (and shorter) service, geared to younger members. A regular rabbi-led service will follow at 7:30.
- The first **Kinderlachen** program will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 10-11 am at THOI. This is open to anyone in the community (members or not, Jewish or not) who wishes to bring their child to a Jewish-themed “play group” including some activities, music, arts and crafts, stories, snacks, a few blessings and a chance to socialize. Please plan to attend with your children, and invite anyone in the community

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| | you know who would be interested. The theme for this month will be the New Year and Birthday of the World. Please invite anyone who may be interested and who has a child in the appropriate age group. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, September 13th at 2 pm at Beth El will be the first of the (more or less) monthly Women in the Bible sessions. All are welcome to come and discuss the story. No experience or prior knowledge required. This is a series of meetings which will follow the order of the stories of women in the Tanakh, but each one is stand alone. We will review the Tanakh in some detail, and especially the doings of the women included in various sections, and tease out a bit of their stories, as well as look at the historical and contextual world in which those stories are unfolding, how we view it today, and what this says to us as Jews and as modern people. The setting for this class is akin to a seminar in which we would look at the story of one woman in each class, and read the text (in English), talk about the background, and discuss the story. You need to bring nothing but an open mind and your own ideas and opinions. It is scheduled on Sunday afternoons from 2-3 pm, approximately monthly. We will meet at Beth El in Harrisonburg. In the course of the past year we were able to get through most of the stories of Genesis. We will begin this year with Exodus, looking at Yocheved, Miriam, and Pharoah's daughter in the first session (and later meetings, if we don't finish with them!), then move on to Tziporah and the other women that appear in the Tanakh in subsequent meetings. • Plan ahead - Introduction to Hebrew course beginning October 19th at THOI, and October 22nd at Beth El. These will be five three-hour classes, from 6 to 9 pm, with the course ending by mid-December. This will be a focused approach, requiring concentration in class, and home practice during the week. By investing these five weeks, you will master the Alefbet and gain a skill for life! Best of all, there is no charge for this course. ☺ It is for anyone who wishes to learn the Hebrew alefbet and vowels, in order to be able to follow along in services, begin to know how to read from the liturgy, and sound out any Hebrew you may encounter. This is especially suggested as helpful if you don't know Hebrew, and will have a child in religious school or preparing for B'nai Mitzvah! | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bulletin Editor | The submission deadline is the 20 th of the month. Send your news to the editor at bulletin@thoi.org . The Board's policy for the <i>Bulletin</i> is that there will be no advertising (paid or free) except for THOI business. You may view the newsletter on our website. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Torah Parashiot | <p>Torah parashiot (Torah portions) read for the period covered by this newsletter include the following in September: Ki Tavo, Nitzavim-Vayelech, and Haazinu, drawn from Devarim (Deuteronomy) 26:1-32:52, as well as the reading of Bereshit (Genesis) 22:1-19 at Rosh HaShanah, and Devarim (Deuteronomy) 29:9-14, 30:11-20 Yom Kippur morning, and Vayikra (Leviticus) 19:1-4, 9-18, and 32-37 in the afternoon.</p> <p>Haftarot read on Shabbatot (Sabbaths) in September include selections from Isaiah</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | 60-61, and Hosea 14, with Jeremiah 31 Rosh Hashanah morning, Isaiah 58 Yom Kippur morning, and the Book of Jonah Yom Kippur afternoon. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Judaica Shop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Judaica Shop will be having a new year's cleaning sale the entire month of September. Most items will be discounted. • We have Debbie Friedman's new CD <i>As You Go on Your Way</i> in stock. - \$20 each. • The Hanukkah order will be submitted in October, so if anyone has a special request they should let me know by 9/30/09. • Natasha B. can be contacted either by email or at 886-1157 to make a request or to set up an appointment to shop. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Women's Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need hosts & hostesses for the holidays. Contact Marsha for a holiday. • Changes to your contact information? Send to macmeda@ntelos.net for the roster. • Saturday evening, September 12th there will be a Havdalah and Selichot Service at 8 pm at THOI. RSVPs are not required, but would be helpful in planning for refreshments. Contact Marsha Pillet or Rabbi Joe to respond. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oneg Reminder | <p>THOI Oneg list for 2009-2010 is included in this packet. Please find your assignment.</p> <p>Aug. 28 Shabbat Services ----- Linda Blazer & Jim Osborne 256 4050 Rachel Peretz Comes 414-7078</p> <p>Sept. 11 Shabbat Services----- Lisa Warren & Leah Farmer 885-0206</p> <p>Sept. 25 Shabbat Services -----Mike & Bonnie Brown & Ellen Werther 430-4343</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Herman Levy | Miriam Loewner | Abraham Ruday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reaching the Rabbi | <p>The rabbi is available by appointment. If you wish to meet or speak with the rabbi, please email or call to set an appointment time. In that way, the rabbi will be able to respond and give you his full attention, as you deserve. The rabbi does not read or respond to email or phone messages on Shabbat or holidays.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency, the rabbi may be contacted by telephone. In that case, please call the cell phone number listed: if you reach voicemail, please leave a message speaking clearly with your name, telephone numbers, the specific topic, and be sure to express the need for an urgent response. The rabbi will respond as soon as possible.</p> <p>Rabbi Joe's Email: RabbiJoeB@hotmail.com</p> <p>Beth El Congregation 540-434-2744</p> <p>Temple House of Israel 540-886-4091</p> <p>Cell phone (Please use this # for emergencies) 434-981-3959</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Congregational Calendar | Visit our web site www.thoi.org click on the Calendar 5769 link, you will see an up-to-date schedule. If you click on the Rabbi link, you will see a blurb about Rabbi Joe and then his schedule outside those on the congregational schedule. | | |
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| 6 <i>No Religious School</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm | 12 Selichot Service 8:00p.m |
| 13 Women in the Bible Beth El 2 :00 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00p.m. | 19 Rosh Hashanah 10:00 a.m. Tashlikh 1p.m. Gypsy Hill Park |
| 20 Rosh Hashana Service 7:00pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm | 26 Kinderlachen @ 10:00 am |
| 27 Rel School Family HH Service 11:30 am Yiskor 1:30 (Cemetery) Erev Yom Kippur 7:00 pm | 28 Yom Kippur services 10 am & 4:00pm Break the Fast follows | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 Sukkot Begins | 3 |

