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2019

OUR SHIR SHALOM

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SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER SHABBAT & HIGH HOLY DAYS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept 6	6:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat	Oct 1	Tuesday 10:00 am 1:00 pm	Rosh Hashanah 2nd day Worship 2nd Day Luncheon (reservation required)
Sept 13	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat	October 4	6:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
Sept 14	5:00 pm	Shabbat Afternoon Worship Bat Mitzvah of Julia Neumann	October 8	Tuesday 7:30 pm	Kol Nidre (Erev Kom Kippur) Worship
Sept 20	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat	October 9	Wednesday 9:00 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 2:30 pm 3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Yom Kippur Early Worship Late Morning Worship Youth Service Tot Yom Kippur Music & Meditation Service Afternoon, Yizkor, and Neilah Service Break the Fast
Sept 21	7:30 pm	Selichot	October 11	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat
Sept 27	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat	October 18	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat
Sept 29	Sunday 7:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Worship	October 25	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat
Sept 30	Monday 9:00 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 2:30 pm 5:00 pm	Rosh Hashanah 1st day Early Worship Late Morning Worship Youth Service Tot Rosh Hashanah Taschlich (off site)			



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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Extended Morning Sibling Program

Starting 2019–20 School Year

Cost: \$275/Per Child for the School Year



Program Objective:

- To better help our Grades K–3 Religious School families with a helpful schedule for Sunday mornings—to create a single drop off and pick up time in order to coordinate with our 9:00 am–12:00 pm. Grades 4–6 program—please consider enrolling your child in this sibling recreational program.
- The program will provide care for families who have students in different Sunday sessions. Teen leaders will supervise the program each week and one of the RS classrooms will be used. Participants will read stories, do artwork, play games—or just relax—in a nurturing environment.
- The aim is to provide our youngest students with unstructured supervised time to socialize while their parents get to enjoy an easier schedule.
- Teen leaders will supervise the program each week and one of the RS classrooms will be used.

This program is designed for families with siblings in our Grades K–3 and 4–6 programs.



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I've never really understood the concept of starting a new year in January. I find it hard to imagine anything new happening in the dead of winter - the world is frozen, or at least slushy and gray, and there seems little we can do other than hunker down and wait it out. Early autumn, on the other hand, seems like a perfect time to begin again. The earth feels full to the point of bursting, life is everywhere, and people seem rested and renewed and ready to begin again. Or maybe it's because I've been a teacher for the past thirty years and have been following the school calendar for most of my life that starting the year in September makes so much sense to me.

The summer is something of a diaspora for students and teachers, but each fall we are called to return to our classrooms and reconnect with our community. This call goes out both to students, who are often not entirely enthusiastic about their return, and to their teachers - some of whom are also saddened by the end of summer, but most of whom have spent the past days and weeks reflecting on the previous year: what had gone well and what had not, what could be built upon and improved in the future and what should never be attempted a second time, what new methods and materials might help engage and inspire students ... all in the name of doing better in the upcoming school year. Many students enter their classrooms having entertained similar thoughts, having made similar promises to themselves, and regardless of the fate of these promises, there's something about them that makes the beginning of the school year so exciting for me.

It's this same process of looking backward in order to move forward more meaningfully, this same soul-searching and optimism, that's central to my sense of the high holidays. In the midst of the chaos of a new school year, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur allow me, compel me, to slow down and take stock, to consider how I've gotten to where I am and where I'd like to go in the year to come.

On Rosh Hashanah, we begin a period of reflection and self-assessment that is often difficult and sometimes painful, but for me there is an essential hopefulness at the heart of this process. Of course it's not always easy to acknowledge the ways I've fallen short in the past year, but I see Rosh Hashanah as extending both the opportunity and the obligation for me to recommit to my ideals.

On Rosh Hashanah I feel inspired by the promise that I can do better. I am heartened by the belief that I can hold my tongue and temper more often with my family and students, and that I'll have the courage to respond more strongly and swiftly when confronted with dishonesty or injustice in the world around me. Most of all, I appreciate the fact that I am not asked to be perfect, only better, an expectation that seems rigorous yet realistic.

And ultimately, Rosh Hashanah leads me to turn my focus outward. While so much of the work of the high holidays happens in our own hearts and minds, the fact that we do it together is essential - the call of the shofar sparks our return to the synagogue, to our vows and aspirations, and to our community. On Yom Kippur we are reminded that while sincere penitence will atone for our shortcomings in the eyes of God, only making peace with those whom we have wronged and those who have wronged us will make these matters right. There is no easy way around this - no matter how hard we struggle within ourselves, if these private thoughts and prayers are not acted upon, if we forget that our responsibilities to God and to ourselves are most often and most obviously manifest in our involvement with others, we have missed the point.

This for me is the essence of the high holidays - the work of Tikkun Olam, of repairing the world.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur remind us that we are provided with countless - perhaps daily - opportunities to grow and improve and no excuse not to try. It's what I've been thinking about during the last few weeks of the summer in preparing for another year at school: the idea that like everyone else, I am capable, in small but significant ways, of improving the world.

I wish you Shana Tovah. May we all make the most of the chances we're given in the coming year.

FROM RABBI REINER'S DESK



As Ashley, Samson, and I are grateful for all of the kindness, warmth, and support that we have experienced since the birth of Asher on June 23rd. We continue to be very well as we adjust to a new member of our family, and remember the “privilege” of 3AM diaper changes and an infant who is wide awake and “ready to party” even when we are exhausted. As I began typing this column our first “child” Pancake (13 year old Pug/Beagle mix) started pawing at my feet, to remind me that she is an important member of our family too. Pancake has also appreciated all the attention and is also adjusting to being a big sister again!

The High Holy Days offer us an opportunity to reflect upon the past year and contemplate the new year that lies ahead. There is a custom of trying something new in preparation for the Holy Days – new clothes, new foods, new experiences, new books – as we try to shed or kindly bid farewell to the year that has passed. *Teshuvah*, one of the themes of the High Holy Days, literally means “returning” and is also understood as renewal. When we return to Congregation Shir Shalom for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we are renewing our relationship with God, the Jewish people, our families and friends. Many send High Holy Day greeting cards to renew relationships. There can be recognition that our lives and our world have changed since last Yom Kippur, and, with all the changes, we seek and find meaning and renewal in returning to the familiar.

As I approach the High Holy Days with a new child, I am experiencing a different sense of renewal this year, recalling and witnessing the earliest months and milestones of life: the first smiles and affectionate cooing that accompany and balance the mid-night feedings and diaper fails, as we hope and pray for the first night of uninterrupted sleep. Samson reminds us that we are not new parents, even as Asher is a new baby, and perhaps a better label is “re-new” parents. We have some ideas of what we might expect, and yet the miracle of that first smile, or the feeling of Asher sinking into my arms as he falls asleep, is new and will never grow old.

Would that we could all experience that renewal daily, throughout our lives! And so we prepare for the High Holy Days, an opportunity for renewal and reconnection, for celebration and reflection, to return and re-experience family, community, and our traditions in new and re-new ways.

May the year ahead be filled with sweetness, health, and happiness for us all!
L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu!

Rabbi David L. Reiner





Meet our High Holy Days Accompanist - Gina Wilson

I am thrilled to work with Gina and prepare music for our upcoming High Holy Days. Gina is a gifted and professional accompanist and it is a joy to share our music with her.

Gina Wilson is an accomplished pianist and accompanist. She founded the Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra in 2003, and served as President and Executive Director for 8 years. She then served as Executive Director of the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra from 2009 to 2014. She was the accompanist for the Ridgefield Chorale from 2002 until 2018. She leads the children's choir at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Ridgefield and teaches piano to underserved Bridgeport youth as part of the KEYS program.

Redhot & Blue- A Cappella Group

Redhot & Blue is Yale's oldest all-gender a cappella group, born out of two talented women and a group of former Whiffenpoofs who brought the richness of SATB sound to campus for the very first time. Hailed by the Contemporary A Cappella Society of America (CASA) as "one of the nation's most consistently excellent mixed collegiate a cappella groups," Redhot continues to break down the boundaries of a cappella music with sensational arrangements, from jazz classics to folk and R&B. We perform our diverse repertoire around the globe, singing and sightseeing three times a year in places ranging from California to Brazil to China.



SPIRITED AND SOULFUL MUSIC SERIES

2019-2020 5779-5780

FRIDAYS

Nov. 15, 7:30 PM

Jazzy Jewish Acapella
Redhot and Blue Acapella
of Yale



Jan 17, 7:00 PM

MLK Spirituals Shabbat
Rob Silvan
Serendipity Chorale—
Gigi Van Dyke



March 20, 7:30 PM

Classic Cantorial Shabbat
Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray
with Gina Wilson



April 24, 7:30 PM

A Suite Shabbat with
Julian Schwarz, cello
Marika Bournaki, piano



Beth Styles

Oct 18, May 8



Mark Fineberg

Nov 8,
Feb 28—Shabbat Across America



An Afternoon of
Musical Theater
with Claire Simard
and Brian Besterman

Sunday Nov 17, 3pm





The Religious School and S.A.J.E.

Social- Action as Jewish- Education

For Students in Grades 8-12



Jewish education and values transition into acts of loving kindness and service to the community!

- **Start at any time.** Register for any two years (or longer for extra credit) while in grades 8-12 & receive recognition by Congregation Shir Shalom for your continuing engagement in our school & temple. Receive community service hours for your time & social justice leadership.
- **Visit Congress with the Religious Action Center's L'Taken**
(Limited to students in grades 9-12, optional trip, additional fee required)
- **Help allocate RS Tzedakah Funds...** and chart your own path toward a life of *tikkun olam*

Program Schedule (replaces traditional Confirmation program) :

Includes in-house service workshops, regional field trips, collaborating with our temple Social Action Committee/local organizations and Jewish agencies

Meets (with pizza all month except for trip dates):

Twice monthly, Wednesdays: 4:15-5:15 pm

Twice monthly, Wednesdays: 4:15-6:15 pm

(Extended hours for service projects)

- *Calendar dates/details to follow*
- Program tuition per year: See tuition schedule for details
- Community Service documentation for National Honor Society, college, employment, etc.
- Membership must be in good standing and all Religious School fees must be paid in full in order for Religious School registration to be processed

“Summer Fun” at Our Early Childhood Center..



Jane Emmer
Director, ECC

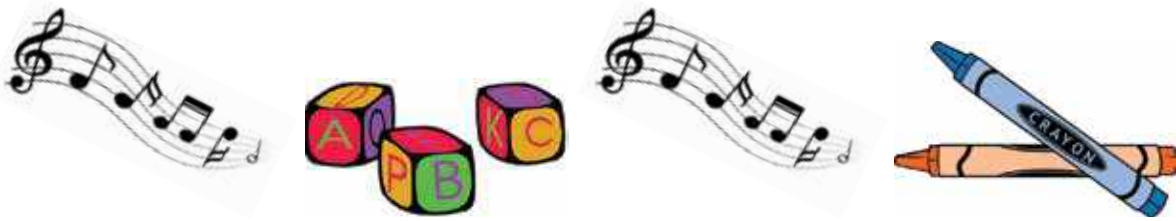
The Early Childhood Center
at Congregation Shir Shalom

Practically Preschool

A program for Toddlers and a "Grown Up"
Tuesdays at 9:15–10:30 a.m.

Children participate alongside their grown-up partner—taking the lead once they feel comfortable and have an understanding of the routine of the class. Singing, art projects, a sensory table, a read-a-loud, and even more is packed into this first class experience

The second session, in January we will offer a second day
(Wednesday...with a drop off option.)



PRACTICALLY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Child's Full Name _____ DOB _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Session 1 – 9/18/12/18/19

Please make check payable to Congregation Shir Shalom

Cost—Session 1—\$540



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EXCERPTS IN JEWISH HISTORY

SHOULD I PLAY OR SHOULD I NOT? EITHER WAY I'M ON THE SPOT.

By Lewis Siegel

*Came Yom Kippur-Holy fast day to the Jew.
 And Hank Greenberg to his teaching and the old tradition true
 Spent the day among his people
 And he didn't come to play.
 Said Murphy to Mulrooney, "We shall lose the game today!
 We shall miss him in the infield
 And we shall miss him at bat,
 But he's true to his religion, and
 I admire him for that."*

Edgar Guest, American poet

From 2002 to 2016 Theo Epstein, General Manager of the Boston Red Sox, built the team into a powerhouse, winning the World Series three times during that period. In 2016, he was offered the presidency of the Chicago Cubs. Under his recruiting and planning, the Cubs immediately became a Pennant winner and they were about to play the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. Epstein liked to be at the games, perhaps as a morale boost to the players. However, since Epstein was Jewish, he might have considered not attending a World Series game if it fell on Yom Kippur. (As an aside, it should be mentioned that his grandfather and granduncle had written the script for the movie Casablanca). One of his relatives said to Epstein, "Don't worry if the Cubs lose, you'll always have Boston." **. We don't know if Epstein actually attended that World Series game on Yom Kippur.

Whether or not to play on Yom Kippur has plagued many a Jewish ballplayer, and many had different approaches to the problem. Al Rosen, who played for the Cleveland Indians in the 1940's and 50's said he would never play on the High Holidays. After he retired and became President of the New York Yankees, he had a change of heart. He was seen on television at the stadium, watching a game on Yom Kippur. An irate fan sent Rosen a letter criticizing him for being at the game. Rosen sent a letter back saying, "If you are so religious, why were you watching television on Yom Kippur?"

Some players found compromises. Kevin Youkilis, when he played for the Boston Red Sox, said that he would not play but would sit on the bench with the players during the game to give them moral support. Shawn Green, when he played for the L.A. Dodgers, was anxious to play an urgent game against the Giants on Kol Nidre. But he finally decided it was more important not to play. Jason Marquis found his compromise. He pitched on Kol Nidre but fasted also.

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Some major league coaches have observed the Jewish holidays also. Jake Pitler, who played one year for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1917, was a first base coach for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947 to 1957. He refused to coach on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur whenever the Dodgers played on those days.

Sometimes superstition played a role in the decision. In 1969, Norm Miller of the Houston Astros played on Yom Kippur and went 0 for 4 at bat, and the next time went 0 for 5. He vowed never to play on a Jewish holiday again. There are many other stories of Jewish ballplayers who played on Yom Kippur or who didn't, often with apologies or explanations either way.

The most interesting and most humorous stories relating baseball to the High Holidays involved Hank Greenberg in 1934, and Sandy Koufax in 1965.

In 1934, Greenberg who played most of his career with the Detroit Tigers, was scheduled to play on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Greenberg sought the opinions of several rabbis to ask if he could at least play on Rosh Hashanah. One rabbi found an obscure passage in the Talmud that described young children playing in the street on Rosh Hashanah. Greenberg took that to mean it was OK to play. That day Greenberg had four hits and three RBI's that helped the Tigers win. The headline the next day in the Detroit News said in Hebrew, "TALMUD CLEARS GREENBERG FOR HOLIDAY PLAY". However, on Yom Kippur the rabbi could find no excuse for Greenberg to play baseball, so Greenberg chose to honor his parents and his religion, and he attended services instead. When he entered Shaarey Zedek Temple in Southfield, Michigan on Yom Kippur, the entire Congregation gave him a standing ovation. The poor rabbi who was davening at that time, was mystified at what happened. He had never in his life seen anything like that.

Maybe the funniest incident that ever occurred involving a game on Yom Kippur, was between the L.A. Dodgers and the Minnesota Twins in 1965. Sandy Koufax, the Dodger's pitching ace was scheduled to pitch in the opening game, but he had made it well known that he would not pitch on Yom Kippur. It seemed not to be a problem because the Dodgers had another ace pitcher, Don Drysdale (who was not Jewish), who would pitch in place of Koufax. Unfortunately, it turned out to be Drysdale's worst pitching performance. Before the 3rd inning was over, Drysdale's pitches were hammered for seven runs. Walter Alston, the Dodger's manager, could not watch the carnage any longer and went out to the pitching mound to take Drysdale out of the game and insert a relief pitcher. As Drysdale began walking back to the dugout, he handed the ball to his manager and said, "Right now I bet you wish I was Jewish also."

**For those who don't know the movie Casablanca, one of the last lines of the movie was Humphrey Bogart saying to Ingrid Bergman at the end of their brief courtship as she was about to depart by plane with her husband Paul Henreid, "We'll always have Paris."

"Excerpts in Jewish History" is a regular feature in our Shir Shalom newsletter, written by Lewis Siegel, who wrote a similar series for Focus, the newspaper of the Jewish Federation of Greater Danbury. He is also the author of A Brief History of Modern Israel and The Evolution of Zionism.





SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Help us help others this year! Your help will be greatly appreciated and will help us to make a difference! Also project co-leaders needed to help plan any of these important programs.

One-time and ongoing opportunities available for everyone

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE – PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

Begin collecting non-perishables to donate to our neighbors in need!

(7th graders needed for food drive preparation, flyer distribution, food collection at services etc.

ADULT volunteers needed to help supervise the bag distribution and collection)

THE DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY TEAM

Help support/staff this Danbury pantry with our enthusiastic volunteer crew as needy clients shop.

(Designated Mondays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; join us when it works for you!)

DOROTHY DAY HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Serve meals to guests of this Danbury soup kitchen. We'd love your help. Ages 12 and up.
(First Sunday of every month/volunteer only once or as much as you'd like)

DANBURY FEDERAL CORRECTIONS INSTITUTE

Co-facilitate Shabbat discussion group with Jewish female inmates.

(Last Friday evening of each month/volunteer only once or as much as you'd like)

SANDWICHES FOR SERVICE

Volunteers needed to help make sandwiches for clients of the Dorothy Day soup kitchen.
....and to donate some of the fixings!

DISTRIBUTE FOOD FOR THE NEEDY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Help the Daily Bread Food Pantry prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas

"RUNS" TO BRING FOOD, CLOTHING & TOILETRIES TO THE HOMELESS

Reach out to New York City's homeless this coming fall and spring

PARTICIPATE IN OUR BLOOD DRIVE: Date TBA

SHIR SHALOM MITZVAH DAY

Join our temple family for a day of community building and community outreach on **Sunday, May 3rd!**

We'd love to include you in our programs!

Thanks to this summer's volunteers who worked at- **Daily Bread Food Pantry:** Vicky Yolán, Alisa Trachtenberg, Myriam Albis, Lynn Stark, Debbie & Mark Lavin, Wendy Meyer, Laurie Dubin, Debbie Landzberg; Amy Margulies.

Dorothy Day Hospitality House: Carrie Chanin, Linda Hirschfeld, Debbie Landzberg.

Federal Correctional Facility: Resa Fremed, Rabbi Jon and Jean Haddon.

Contact SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org

ADULT PROGRAMMING-

Lynn Becker Teaches Jewish Gardening Repairing the World One Yard at a Time



Contrary to popular belief, Jewish gardening is not calling the landscaper. It is part of our Jewish tradition to care for the land and the inhabitants of the Earth. Even when we employ landscapers and gardeners we need to properly direct their efforts.

Would you like to hear birds again, would you like to spend less time and money on property management, would you like to ensure that your family is not ingesting the harmful chemicals in fertilizers and pesticides? On June 23rd Lynn told us how to better maintain our part of the environment.

In brief, the leaves and vegetation that we clear off our property in the fall feed the insects that feed the birds. It's most efficacious to not clean it up but to mow it to small pieces. We should plant indigenous plants rather than foreign species. They will require less maintenance and are adapted to symbiotic relationships with the birds and animals. When you buy plants, ask the salespeople whether they were raised with pesticides and other poisonous chemicals. Design landscapes that attract birds, butterflies and other beneficial pollinators to your garden. They work for free!

Look for another presentation from Lynn this winter when we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the festival of trees. For much more information consult sources such as The Audubon Society and www.healthyyards.org



RITUAL COMMITTEE

by Laurie Dubin and Michael Salpeter



Summer is over but the warmth of our summer Shabbat services lingers. Many members attended Shabbat services at our earlier 6:30 summer time and enjoyed a nosh before services in addition to creative, delicious, food and beverages served at the Onegs.

L'Shana Tovah!



Shir Shalom's Ritual Committee extends our wishes for health and happiness to all our member families in the upcoming New Year. We look forward to sharing the High Holy Days and the rest of the year's celebrations together.

We are thrilled to announce the creation of a new participatory service/worship opportunity especially for children ages 7-11. Starting at 11:30AM, it will run concurrently with the "Late Service" on Rosh Hashanah (Day One only) and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Emily (our rabbinic intern for the 2018-2019 school year) is returning for a special, limited engagement to help organize and lead our Youth Service! Our new option for worship will engage students in meaningful prayer and will be a great opportunity to learn about the High Holy Days.

We will be using a special, age appropriate prayer book, may incorporate some projected "visual worship" during our service, which will feature a story instead of a sermon. The service will be held upstairs (either in the Youth Lounge or Classrooms) and will last approximately 60-90 minutes. We will provide a delicious snack on Rosh Hashanah following the conclusion of worship, and age appropriate activities on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to keep your children engaged until the conclusion of our Late Worship Services. Students can bring a shofar on Rosh Hashanah to practice during our Youth Service and play during our final Tikiah G'dolah.

A complete description of the services is included in the High Holy Day packet which was mailed. Please return the necessary forms to insure that you receive your tickets prior to Rosh Hashanah. In addition to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, other important dates to remember in October are Sukkot on Sunday, October 14 with decorating and Pizza in the Hut following and Simchat Torah on Tuesday, October 22.

This past year the Ritual Committee members have been truly hard working and dedicated. We'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their gifts of time, energy, talent, spirit, and cooperation.

Thank you: Lynn Becker, Michelle Blum, Joe Ellis, Bryon Friedman, Alan Pilch, Dawn Roberts, Scott Trachtenberg, Wendy Wallach-DeLucia, and Martin Weisberg. Special thanks to our liaison Adam Rubinfeld, and temple administrator Laura Morris.

We also would like to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to Rabbi David Reiner, Rabbi Jon Haddon, and Cantor Katchko-Gray for leading us through this time of reflection and rededication that is the Days of Awe.

G'mar chatimah tovah

Relax your body,
calm your mind,
renew your spirit...

RHONDA S. LACKOW

Licensed Clinical Massage Therapist



Rhonda has a diverse private practice, providing a nurturing, healing experience to clients of all ages. She has been practicing therapeutic massage since 2005 and helps clients manage stress, loss, illness, and life transitions. She is trained and experienced in Swedish, Deep Tissue, Reflexology, trauma treatment, Oncology massage, pregnancy and post-natal massage, Myofascial Release, Reiki, and Hospice massage and energy work.

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 Shelby White

SISTERHOOD

We hope that this past summer has found you all well and rested as we will need your energy to help jumpstart a new season for Shir Shalom Sisterhood. For those of you who are new to our congregation we welcome you and look forward to meeting each of you. Sisterhood provides a unique opportunity for the women of the Shir Shalom community to support, socialize and learn from one another. It's where you can meet and make new friends, share ideas, participate in activities giving you an opportunity to immerse yourself in the greater Shir Shalom community. This year sisterhood is looking to expand itself beyond the presidents and treasurer. It's our intention to form a sisterhood board so that we can better serve the needs of all who are interested. It is up to you to see that sisterhood thrives and continues to grow. We will keep you updated on events and clubs that are ongoing and stay tuned for our kickoff date. I urge you all to join the Shir Shalom sisterhood page where you will be able to find all the latest offerings!

See you all at kickoff!!!
 Bonnie Pazer and Wendy Meyer

SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITEN

**Friday, September 6th, 2019**

Melvin Baran	father of Andy Baran	Joseph Fried	
Jean Haddon	mother of Rabbi Haddon	Sadie Hodas	mother of Elinor Darvick
Ruth Lowy	mother of Terry Henry	Ruth Siegel	wife of Lewis Siegel
Leppold Weisberg		Dudley Westlake	

Friday, September 13th, 2019

Ara Goodman	grandmother of Milton Hollar	Victor Hausner	father of Marcia Needleman
Emanuel Hisiger	father of Miles Hisiger	Herbert Hodas	brother of Elinor Darvick
Minna Lehrman	mother of Lora Wishod	Lucille Levenson	grandmother of Karen Brenner
Rose Margolis	mother in law of Robi Margolis	Sol Pottish	uncle of Richard Mishkin
Seymour Schreckinger	father of Jamie Kaplan		

Friday, September 20th, 2019

Deborah Darvick	daughter in law of Murray & Elinor Darvick	Arnold Friedlander	husband of Diana Friedlander
Stanley Gottlieb	father of Lawrence Gottlieb	Jerry Grant	father of Lynne Stark
Hyman Monroe	father of Lisa Pollack	Cantor Theodore Katchko	father of Cantor Debbie
Alfred Pilch	father of Alan Pilch	Cathie Jo Raynor	
Harold Redman	father of Debra Lavin	Irv Schneider	uncle of Margie Gorelick
William Schwartz	relative of Moreton Binn	Wendy Steinberg	sister of Jay Walker
Lee Wallach	brother in law of Margery Wallach		

Friday, September 27th, 2019

David Bassett	father of Annabel Schwartz	Leonard Dutka	
Murray Emmer	father in law of Jane Emmer	Sylvia Farber	mother of Hildi Glicklich
Sophie Felper	grandmother of Margie Gorelick	Harry Fergenson	grandfather of Michael Bergman
Eddy Fuchs	father of Hanky Kutscher	Sophie Goodman	grandmother of Marla Kay
Abraham Holson	grandfather of Robin Heit	Siegfried Karl	father of Rosalind Kopfstein
Ethel Kurlander	great aunt of Matt Herbstman	Leroy Levin	
Joseph Meyer-Gordon		Larry Mirkin	brother of Judith Strom
Nathan Muchnick	grandfather of Jason Muchnick	Anna Schattner	
Freda Silverman	grandmother of Richard Burg	Frieda Stern	grandmother of Laurie Dubin
Mary Taylor	grandmother of David Taylor		

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OCTOBER Yahrzeiten

Friday, October 4th, 2019

Carol Joyce Altman	mother of Joe Altman	Gerhard Bendix	father of Alice Gottlieb
Gerald Jay Berg	father of Jeff Berg	Pearl Brown	mother of Michael Brown
Dorothy Dietzek	mother of Alan Dietzek	William Fischman	father of Robert Fischman
Abraham Fox	father of Barbara Hisiger	Helen Friedlander	mother in law of Diana Friedlander
Jonathan Gordon	brother of Elaine Gordon	Phil Kurtz	father of Marshall Kurtz
David Kushner	father of Karen Taylor	Carol Lackow	mother of Rhonda Lackow
Lynn Levi	aunt of Adam Rubinfeld	LeRoy Ronald Levin	father of Sherry Levin Wallach
Jacob Murad	father of Menashe Murad		

Friday, October 11th, 2019

Jay Bovilsky	father of Adam Bovilsky	Rabbi Marcus Burstein	husband of Eric Larson
Germ Dashevskiy	grandfather of Vlad & Ilya Gogish	Crescenzo DeLucia	father of Michael DeLucia
Nancy DeLucia	mother of Michael DeLucia	Seymour Epstein	father of Andrea Jacobs
Amy Friedlander		Molly Friedlander	
Sam Friedlander		Gregory Friedlander	
Lillian Goetz	aunt of Rosalind Kopfstein	Naomi Gray Kaplan	mother of Scott Gray
Regina Heit	mother of Stephen Heit	Elias Jacobson	grandfather of Karen Conti
Edith Joseph	mother of Barbara Tendler	Marc Kaplan	cousin of Judith Strom
Milton Kaye	father of Steve Kaye	Saul Kurzweil	father of Ken Kurzweil
Joseph Lehrman	father of Lora Wishod	Sylvia Mininberg	
George Orlan	husband of Adrienne Orlan	Barbara Paget Forst	sister of Debra Paget
Norma Sachs	mother of David Sachs	Sam Schmeltzer	father of Resa Fremed
Hattie Schwartz	relative of Moreton Binn	June Shaplen	mother of Jason Shaplen
Jean Steinhorn	grandmother of Karen Conti	Elaine Zimmerman	grandmother of David, Aaron Ezra & Joey Zimmerman

Friday, October 18th, 2019

Rose Bergman	grandmother of Michael Bergman	Bret Black	brother in law of Susan Bard
Ann Brodsky	mother of Karl Brodsky	Leonard Chess	father of Cheryl Chess
Edward Friedlander	father in law of Diana Friedlander	Vladimir Gogish	grandfather of Vlad & Ilya Gogish
Ruth Goodman	mother of Monnie Newman	Wolf Manheimer	father of Aron Hirt-Manheimer
Rae Michael	great grandmother of Danielle, Caitlin and Lucas Winson	Martha Ratner	grandmother of Judith Strom
		Doris Weiler	grandmother of Joshua Arnow

Friday, October 25th, 2019

David Alper	father of Lonnie Shapiro	Max Baker	grandfather of Carlyn Bergman
Gertrude Cohen	grandmother of Matt Herbstman	David Emmer	husband of Jane Emmer
Edward Epstein	father of Sheryl Knapp	Flora Ferguson	aunt of Michael Bergman
Joan Fine	mother of Peter Fine	Jacob Goldberg	
Martin Greenberg		Natalie Greenberg	
Billie Hoffman	mother of Larry Hoffman	Harold Horowitz	grandfather of Stacey Rubinfeld
Dominic Romeo	friend of Harry & Sandra Rosenhouse	Richard Stanley	
Frieda Stern	grandmother of Laurie Dubin		

Students Supporting Israel

Dalia Zahger, founder of Students Supporting Israel will speak to us on Sunday, September 15th at 3 PM. Born in Israel, she served in the Israeli Defense Forces in intelligence as both a soldier and then a commander. Currently she is a graduate student at Columbia University and now strives to defend Israel on college campuses. She is a dynamic and passionate speaker. If you are going to college, know a college student or just care about Israel's reputation, don't miss this talk.

Jackie Goldner, Adult Programming



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Condolences-

*To the family of Janine Gordon, on the death of Janine's husband, Donald Gordon, z"l.
May his memory be for a blessing.*

*To the family of Joel and Eileen Segalman, on the death of Joel's father, Ira George Segalman, z"l.
May his memory be for a blessing.*

*To the family of Stu Tygert and Jane Emmer, on the death of Stu's mother, Jane Farrar, z"l.
May her memory be for a blessing.*

*To the family of Cheryl Chess, on the death of Cheryl's mother, Ellen Chess, z"l.
May her memory be for a blessing.*

SEPTEMBER 2019

ELUL/TISHRI 5779/5780

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day- Building Closed	3	4 1-3 pm- Sisterhood Knitting 7:30 pm- Book Club	5 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	6 6:00 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	7
8	9 9:15 am- ECC- First Day	10 9:15 am- ECC	11 9:15 am- ECC	12 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	13 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 5:30 pm- Tot Shabbat 2.0 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	14 5:00 pm- Shabbat Afternoon Worship- Bat Mitzvah of Julia Neumann
15 3:00 pm- Adult Programming-Supporting Israel on American College Campuses	16 9:15 am- ECC	17 9:15 am- ECC	18 9:15 am- ECC 1-3 pm- Sisterhood Knitting	19 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	20 9:15 am- ECC 22:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	21 7:30 pm- Dessert Reception 7:45 pm- Selichot Teen Program (off site) 8:00 pm- Program 9:00 pm- Selichot
22 9:00 am- Religious School- First Day RS Brunch	23 9:15 am- ECC	24 9:15 am- ECC	25 9:15 am- ECC 4:15 pm- Religious School	26 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	27 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	28
29 7:30 pm- Erev Rosh Hashanah- followed by a festive Oneg reception NO Religious School	30 Rosh Hashanah day 1 9:00 am- early service 11:30 am- late morning service & youth service 2:30 pm- Tot Rosh Hashanah 5:00 pm- Taschlich					

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TISHRI/HESHVAN 5780

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Rosh Hashanah- day 2 10:00 am- Worship Service 1:00 pm- 2nd Day Luncheon	2 1-3 pm- Sisterhood Knitting 7:30 pm- Book Club NO Religious School	3 7:00 pm- Mah Jong	4 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 6:00 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	5
6	7	8 Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur 7:30 pm- Worship Service	9 Office Closed Yom Kippur (see cover page for detailed service schedule) 6:30 pm- Break the Fast NO Religious School	10 7:00 pm- Mah Jong	11 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	12
13 Sukkot NO Religious School 7:30 pm- Erev Sukkot Worship Service	14 NO ECC Office Closed for Sukkot	15	16 1-3 pm- Sisterhood Knitting	17 7:00 pm- Mah Jong	18 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 5:30 pm- Tot Shab- bat 2.0 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	19
20 Erev Simchat Torah 9:00 am- Religious School 11:15 am- RS Parent Brunch 5:00 pm- Congre- gational Dinner 6:00 pm- Worship Service	21 NO ECC Office Closed for Simchat Torah	22	23	24 7:00 pm- Mah Jong	25 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	26
27	28	29	30 Rosh Hodesh 1-3 pm- Sisterhood Knitting	31 7:00 pm- Mah Jong		

“Good News!”

On Saturday, June 23rd, Rabbi Reiner and Ashley Heller welcomed Asher, their second son. Big brother Samson is enjoying his new found role.



Larry and Leslie Gottlieb (Shir Shalom’s Director of Education) have expanded their role as grandparents. On Thursday, June 27th, they welcomed a grandson, Graham Sterling Gottlieb. Big sister Remi, 2 years old, is happily settling into life with a baby brother.

The end of August was a joyful time for the Crystal/Aleman family as they welcomed the much anticipated birth of their daughter, Opal Iris. Big brother Bruce is ready to step into his new duties as the big brother.

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Geoff and Anne Kupferschmid also had good news to share with our congegation. In July, their son Dan, popped the question, and she said “YES”! Congratulations are in order for Dan and his fiancée, Erica. The couple presently resides outside of Boston in Melrose.



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