



# Beth Israel Bulletin

## ELUL-TISHREI 5784

### Upcoming Events: **OCTOBER**

#### Special Events

- **10/06: 2:00 pm Cemetery Visit**
- **10/15: 5:00 pm Setup Sukkah**
- **10/27: 9:00 am Change books back**

#### High Holiday and Shabbat Services

- **10/02: 8:00pm:** Erev Rosh Hashana
- **10/03: 10:00am:** Taschlich follows
- **10/04: 5:30pm:** Special Family Service
- **10/11: 8:00pm:** Kol Nidre
- **10/12:**
  - 10:00am:** Yom Kippur Morning Service
  - 2:00pm:** Study with Rabbi
  - 3:00pm:** Children's Service
  - 4:00pm:** Afternoon and Concluding Services & Breakfast
- **10/18: 5:30pm:** Pizza in the Sukkah
- **10/25: 6:00pm:** Simchat Torah Celebration & Yiskor Service

[View Full Calendar](#)

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**FROM THE RABBI**

Shalom and Shanah tovah/Happy New Year friends,

I am thrilled to welcome everyone back to Temple Beth Israel for a new and refreshing year. As we turn the page on 5784, I am eager to reflect on the past year, learn from any experiences, and grow from our encounters. Some of the concepts that we will discuss this High Holiday season will be: teshuvah, self-accountability, criticism, forgiveness, intergenerational trauma, and the role Israel can play in helping us heal. As we explore these personal and potentially difficult themes, I invite us to bring the most curious and compassionate parts of our loving-souls this year. Let us take emotional, spiritual, and intellectual risks by opening up our minds and hearts to real change.

Beyond our inspirational High Holiday services and programming, I am excited to see so many new and familiar faces at Temple Beth Israel. I was proud of the turnout at End of the Summer Employee Appreciation Dinner at the Naked Turtle; we caught up over drinks on the marina. Over the last few weeks, we have experienced a wonderful outpouring of love as we have honored and celebrated various aspects of Jewish life. In particular, we supported our friends who have encountered some difficulties through health issues and the loss of loved-ones, welcomed the return of our students to the Rabin Religious School, and celebrated a new Jewish addition to our community. We have also experienced a small renaissance of SUNY Hillel students attending events and volunteering at TBI.

In the New Year of 5785, we have interesting and exciting opportunities to gather and learn together. We have a new Book Club starting up after the High Holidays. In this session, the group will be discussing *The Sabbath* by A.J. Heschel. We will also be experimenting with a monthly movie night, starting in October. Most importantly, we are anxious to put last year in the rear view mirror as we continue to expand our Jewish knowledge and pure spiritual joy through the weekly Torah portion study and communal Shabbat services.

Chag Sameach, Shanah tovah/ Happy Holidays and Happy New Year,  
Rabbi David Joslin

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## From the President

At the annual meeting in May, the congregation elected the officers and Board of Trustees to lead the Temple. This is an important act since it is critical to the operation of the Temple and to keeping the congregation supportive and engaged. However, it also raises the question about the nature of that leadership. What do leaders do and how should they do it?

Leadership is distinguished from management although in a small organization like ours dependent on volunteers, there is a great deal of overlap. Yet, it is important to keep the differences in mind. Leadership focuses on the over-all direction and policies of the Temple, on the Temple's mission and its short and long-term goals. These need to be clear to shape daily management decisions and to influence the manner in which conflicts and differences are resolved. Every organization has a culture and TBI's is one of collaboration and consensus with a preference for avoiding disruptive conflict. That is not to say that there have never been times of sharp disagreement over a course of action, But, generally, the congregation is willing to listen and to resolve differences with respect and acceptance. It is important for leaders to know the organization's culture and try to work within it. At times, it may be necessary to try to change some aspect of the culture, but that should only occur under very pressing and extreme circumstances.

Leadership most importantly sets the tone and manifests the values of the organization. In our case, the tone and values reflect a deep regard for everyone involved and a collaborative and transparent approach to decision-making. We start each of our leadership meetings with a D'Var Torah, a lesson from our most central set of beliefs, history, and moral teachings. This is to remind us that we are more than an ordinary non-profit organization, but one that has a sacred and uplifting mission. Management on the other hand focuses on implementing the day-to-day needs of the Temple guided by the values and goals articulated by the Temple's leadership. Here too the importance of the tone and expectations of behavior set by leadership become extremely important. In our case, this means acting with respect for others and guiding our decisions by what it means to be a Jewish organization.

What are the goals for the Temple for the current year? The first is to complete successfully a strategic planning process. This process will define the mission and vision for the Temple over the foreseeable future in the context of both the internal and external circumstance in which we find ourselves. The second is to implement a sustaining membership system that will help to remove the financial barriers for people maintaining their Temple membership and attracting new members. This system will publicize what the financial cost is to sustain the Temple per household and ask people who can pay that

amount or more to do so. For those who can only afford to pay less, they will make their own decision on that amount and contribute to that as their dues commitment. This approach reflects the values of our Temple in making a reform Jewish experience available to those who want it regardless of their ability to pay.

Of course, leadership also involves followers. It is hard to lead if people are not engaged enough to implement the mission, vision, and values of the Temple. This is where you come in. We need you to be engaged and to join us to make the Temple what we want it to be. This will be especially true as we seek to fulfill the two goals mentioned, strategic planning and a sustaining dues program. We will need your ideas, suggestions, and advice on how each of these goals should come about. I continue to look forward to trying to provide the leadership the Temple deserves and to your support that will make that leadership effective.

Shana Tova

Cheryl Kabeli, President

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## Rabin Religious School is Back!

Religious School outline for 2024-2025. Please complete your registration form by clipping the Enroll Now button below.

### **Primary: Grades K to 3: Sundays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (in person)**

- Introduction to our rich heritage through music and art, primary students get a taste of holidays, prayers, Biblical stories, Israel and Hebrew letter recognition.
- Prayers are explained and said every week over challah and juice

### **Intermediate: Grades 4 to 7: Sundays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. (in person)**

Students continue to build on previous subjects and begin to develop a faith system.

- Jewish values, life cycle events and Israel are examined and explored.
- Students learn how to think and behave in an ethical Jewish way.
- Strengthen students' ability to decode and read Hebrew prayers.
- Participation in short services that allow reinforcement of prayers and where students can volunteer to lead as junior Rabbis.
- On Sundays, 7th grade students participate in "Adventures in Judaism," an informal, highly experiential way of examining and exploring the big questions in Judaism. These include our core values, our Community, and our responsibility to ourselves and others.
- Our Remedial Department offers strategies and support to students who need extra help in order to be successful.

### **B'nei Mitzvah Preparation: Grades 6 & 7**

- Students begin preparing to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah through private lessons with the Rabbi.
- Students learn to chant their prayers, Torah and Haftarah portions.
- Explore and choose a way to fulfill the Jewish obligation of helping others as a mitzvah project.
- Use their creative ability to share a creative project.

[Enroll Now](#)

## **2024-2025 TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL MEMBERSHIP**

Wow!! Our membership renewal is on a hot streak!

Please keep it going.

Mail your Community Commitment back or hop online

**[www.plattsburghtbi.org/membership](http://www.plattsburghtbi.org/membership)**

to renew your membership.

**Let's Make 100% Renewal by Rosh Hashanah!**

**To date: 68% of members have renewed**



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OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

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or grandchild or in memory of a yahrzeit

**OCTOBER 4**

**OCTOBER 18 PIZZA IN THE HUT**

**OCTOBER 25 SIMCHAT TORAH/Ritual Committee**

**NOVEMBER 1 Carol Staves in memory of her husband George Staves**

**NOVEMBER 8**

**NOVEMBER 16 (Saturday morning)**

**NOVEMBER 22**

**NOVEMBER 29**

To reserve your Oneg date, act now!

Contact Stephen Cahill at 518-570-0927 or email [wscahill99@yahoo.com](mailto:wscahill99@yahoo.com)

Put "Oneg" in the subject line.

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**BOOK CLUB IS BACK**

The Book Club will start up after the High Holidays. The book we shall start with is "The Sabbath" by ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

Watch for an email for date and time

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## **Yahrzeits**

It is customary to honor the anniversary of the death of a loved one by lighting a memorial candle, reciting Kaddish at a congregational service and making a donation. We hope you will do all. A donation can be made to the [Temple Beth Israel Fund of your choice.](#)

### **OCTOBER 04, 2024**

Fanny S. Schiff  
 Vladimir Munk,  
 Morris Zeaman  
 Allan Pallik  
 Helene Elise Cohen  
 Margaret Pickman  
 David Paul Reuter  
 Henry T. Woehl  
 Anna R. Hutner  
 Susan Satriano  
 Richard Ford  
 Leon Rednor  
 Gabriel Davis  
 Jacques Greenfield  
 Sarah Kaye

### **OCTOBER 11, 2024**

Edward R. Brohel  
 Herman Lichtig  
 Barney Bombaggio  
 Sarah Eigenberg  
 Isaac Merkel  
 Ada Schantz  
 Hyman Cohen  
 Ida Fox  
 Abraham Colman  
 Herbert Marx  
 Robert Willins

### **OCTOBER 18, 2024**

David Feldman  
 Samuel Rubin Bolker  
 Silas Pasquorella  
 Devorah Handeelsman  
 Eleazar Handelsman  
 Itchek Handelsman  
 Heniek Handelsman  
 Robert Willins  
 Samuel Cohen  
 Bessie Kaplan  
 Mikkie Bella Brody  
 Stanely Gotleib  
 Harry Duchin  
 James Godfrey  
 Mary B. Moskovitz  
 Irving Albert Elias  
 William Lorberbaum  
 Beverly Caroliine Nussbaum  
 Libby Selbst

### **OCTOBER 25, 2024**

Jesse A. Zeeman  
 Bertha Levien Schoenkopf  
 Gerald Reuter  
 Samuel Goodrich  
 Samuel Kaufman  
 Pauline Balkan  
 Alex Goodrich  
 Karoline Sinsheimer  
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## MITZVAHS AND BLESSINGS

Please remember those in need with donations to the Interfaith Food Shelf. Non-perishable food items can be brought to Temple or monetary donations can be made to the [Interfaith Food Shelf](#).

Winter is coming. Please check to see if you have unused, gently used, clean winter items such as coats, hats, mittens, scarves or boots to donate. Others in need will greatly appreciate them. Bring them to the Temple or call Carol Staves, 352-584-2827 and she will pick them up.



### We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts to Our Temple Funds

#### 🌟 YAHRZEIT FUND

- Sharon Ratner in memory of George Staves
- Stan Haas in memory of Sharmaine Haas and Fanny Rosena
- Leslie, Larry and Kate Kriff in memory of Gertrude Kriff
- Aran Gretz in memory of Sarah Gretz

#### 🌟 GENERAL FUND

- Beverly A. Reuter
- Debora Moldovan to thank Joel Wolkewitz for being such a mensch
- Susan and Steve Albert in memory of George Staves

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### Take a Moment & Make a Difference

It is easy to honor or remember friends and family with a contribution to any Temple Fund.  
No donation is too small.

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## ♥️ **Templegrams: OCTOBER and NOVEMBER**

### OCTOBER

1 Lea Brumfield  
 5 Jack Helfgott  
 12 Lucy and Keith Taylor  
 13 Ann and David Holland  
 15 Ellen and Leo  
 Grafstein  
 18 Debra Good  
 19 Suzi Kier Merrihew  
 23 Bunny and Bob Adler  
 31 Talia Sanders

### NOVEMBER

5 Sue Rech  
 5 Lillian Resnick  
 9 Elizabeth Brumfield  
 9 Diane Fine  
 9 John Schenkel  
 10 Sharon Ratner  
 25 ElizaBeth Brumfield  
 and Tom Dufore  
 28 Ellen Grafstein  
 29 Jim Jolly  
 30 Phyllis Freedman

### DECEMBER

2 Ann Ruzow Holland  
 11 Doug Chavez  
 11 Natalie Harrison  
 Mercaldi  
 14 Alice Marx  
 18 Beth Nolland  
 21 Ben Grafstein

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